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January 3, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,443,841,025
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,940
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	310,445,378
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	123,490,788
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,417,738,040

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the circular of the Personnel Classification Board, No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no change in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended December 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the Provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau was tardy ten times during the year ended December 31, 1929.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provision of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter and year ended December 31, 1929, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1930.

My Dear Congressman Darrow:

I have your letter of January 6, 1930, recommending Doctor Walter T. Taggart for appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I have taken pleasure in causing Doctor Taggart's name to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are being prepared for submission to the President.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable George P. Darrow,
House of Representatives.

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January 7, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of December 18, 1929, stating that the Minister of China had approved the photographs of dies being prepared at the Mint, Philadelphia, for his Government.

The Superintendent of the Mint states that the photographs from which the models were made measure 1-9/16 inches in diameter. The electrotypes of the dies have been prepared but before cutting the steel dies he asks to be informed as to the exact measurements of the new Chinese Yuan.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 8, 1930.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him by October 1st. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The cooperation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for consideration, by reference from the Department of Commerce, your letter of December 28, 1929, transmitting a copy of S. 2788, a bill for the relief of A. R. Johnston, and requesting a report thereon.

The records of the Department show that Dr. Johnston served as a member of the Annual Assay Commission in 1919. The law provides that the expenses of the Assay Commission shall be paid from the Contingent Appropriation for the Mint at Philadelphia. There is no evidence that Dr. Johnston presented an account for his expenses in attending the sessions of the Commission in 1919, and no evidence that payment was made.

There are enclosed for the consideration of your Committee copies of the following letters: One addressed to Dr. Johnston by the Secretary of the Treasury notifying him of his appointment; one from Dr. Johnston accepting appointment; one from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia stating that no account had been rendered by Dr. Johnston; one addressed to Dr. Johnston by the Director of the Mint requesting him to forward his account.

Inasmuch as Dr. Johnston failed to submit his account for consideration as requested, the Treasury Department has no means of determining the accuracy of the amount of traveling expenses incurred by him for which he now desires relief, and the appropriation from which such expenses would have been paid has expired by limitation.

The foregoing is presented for the information of your Committee, but in view of the circumstances this Department would refrain from making any recommendation as to the passage of the bill.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Robert B. Howell,
Chairman, Committee on Claims,
United States Senate.

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January 15, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the terms of your circular letter of December 13, 1929, there is submitted herewith, on the form provided by you, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau, as of December 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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January 16, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,443,860,667
Silver Dollars - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary Silver - - - -	310,592,293
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	123,491,390
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,417,904,694

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 13th, LA.831.515/66, inclosing in copy and translation a note dated January 4, 1930, addressed to you by the Minister of Venezuela relative to certain coinage desired by his Government, and in this connection the following is submitted:

It is understood that the Government of Venezuela desires worn silver coins of various denominations, being the equivalent of 850,000 bolivars, recoined into 850,000 bolivars of the 2-bolivar denomination. This recoinage can be undertaken at the Philadelphia Mint at $6.50 per 1,000 pieces. This price includes the necessary copper for alloy and the working dies to be made from the master dies which are now in the custody of the Philadelphia Mint. Containers for shipment of the coins will be an additional charge to the coinage cost.

In order that the Philadelphia Mint may ascertain the fine silver content in the worn coins to be furnished, and from which the new coins are to be made, the Mint will be required to melt and assay the old coins. It will be necessary to impose an additional charge for melting of $1.00 per 1,000 ounces for doing this work.

If our understanding is correct that the Government of Venezuela desires to have the silver content of 850,000 bolivars in worn coins recoined into 2-bolivar pieces according to the total weight of the silver content of the worn coins, no additional silver will be required, but if 850,000 bolivars in 2-bolivar pieces are desired, additional silver will be required to care for the difference between the silver content of the worn and of the new coins. This matter can, however, be arranged with the Agent representing the Government of Venezuela, provided the recoinage is authorized.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 18, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 15th, LA 817.515/59, inclosing a copy and translation of a note dated December 28, 1929, addressed to you by the Minister of Nicaragua, wherein it is requested that certain coinage be executed by the Philadelphia Mint.

In response thereto, the following cost of executing this coinage at the Philadelphia Mint is submitted:

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Composition	Price per M Pieces
20,000	25 Centavos	800 Silver	$5.70
150,000	10 Centavos	800 Silver	4.50
100,000	5 Centavos	75% Cu. 25% Ni.	3.50
250,000	1 Centavo	94.75% Cu., 4% Sn., 1.25% Zn.	2.20

The above prices include alloy copper for the silver coins, and [illegible] dies for all denominations. Boxes for shipping the coins will be extra.

METAL REQUIRED

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Fine Oz. Silver
20,000	25 Centavos	3,215.00
150,000	10 Centavos	9,645.00
		12,860.00

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Avoirdupois Pounds Nickel	Copper	Tin	Zinc
100,000	5 Centavos	275.5714	826.7142	- -	- - -
250,000	1 Centavo	- - - -	2,088.8317	88.1828	27.5568
		275.5714	2,915.5459	88.1828	27.5568

It is understood that the coins are to be similar, except for the case, to those made for the Government of Nicaragua in the past two years.

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The silver required for this coinage must be furnished by the Government of Nicaragua, but the Philadelphia Mint is in position to furnish the requisite nickel, copper, tin and zinc at the prices paid for these metals on the last purchases made, which prices were obtained on competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 21, 1930.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau recently requested the preparation of blank forms of bonds for execution by the employees of the Laboratory of this Office.

It has now been decided to cancel the requests for bonds for Lawrence A. Gage and John T. Bryant, and to increase the penalty of the bond for Timothy J. Quirk from $2,000 to $3,000.

The bonds mentioned are being returned, and this Bureau regrets the necessity of giving you this additional trouble.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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January 25, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of January 15th, I am inclosing the information requested by the Chief Coordinator relative to the index of activities of the Federal Government as it affects the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1930.

Dear Senator Wheeler:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 22nd, inclosing a telegram received by you from Mr. O. G. Lamport, Secretary, Helena Commercial Club, relative to the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Provision for the support of this institution was included by this Department in the estimates submitted to Congress; the action eliminating the appropriations for the minor Assay Offices was taken by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

As requested by you, Mr. Lamport's telegram is returned.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Burton K. Wheeler,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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January 27, 1930.

Mrs. Jennie Calfas,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Calfas:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed; but actual and necessary traveling expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve?

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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The duty of the Annual Assay Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the preceding calendar year in order to secure due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards of weight and fineness.

At all of the Coinage Mints, out of every delivery of coin to the Treasury, a certain number of pieces is taken and forwarded under seal to the Philadelphia Mint for examination by the Commission.

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Mr. H. D. Greenwood,
Carteret, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve?

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1930.

Honorable Hamilton F. Kean,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kean:

In accordance with the promise contained in my letter to you of December 4, 1929, I take pleasure in being able to inform you that the President has appointed Mr. H. D. Greenwood of Carteret, New Jersey, as a Member of the Annual Assay Commission.

In connection therewith, please find inclosed a copy of the letter which is being mailed to Mr. Greenwood.

Sincerely,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1930.

Honorable Hubert D. Stephens,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stephens:

In accordance with the promise contained in my letter to you of November 21, 1929, I am delighted to be able to inform you that the President has appointed Honorable E. A. Fitzgerald of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as a Member of the Annual Assay Commission.

In connection therewith, please find inclosed a copy of the letter which is being mailed to Mr. Fitzgerald.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1930.

Mr. Marshall Starr Walker,
97 Water Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Walker:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1930.

Doctor Walter T. Taggart,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Taggart:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1930.

Mr. J. V. W. Reynders,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Reynders:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve?

Respectfully,

Andrew Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodical is required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payment for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925:

Metals and Alloys, published by The Chemical Catalog Company of New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1930.

Honorable E. A. Fitzgerald,
Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling expenses by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve?

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 25th, inclosing a specimen of an "Honorable Discharge Button" with a view to having 10,000 of these manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint.

The Philadelphia Mint is not equipped to make buttons of this type and has no way of enameling the same; it is, therefore, impracticable for the Mint to undertake the preparation thereof.

The specimen is returned to you, inclosed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to January 31, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no change in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended January 31, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,445,709,787
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	310,774,869
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	123,928,478
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,420,373,478

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1930.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 29th, transmitting a copy of H. R. 2029, a Bill introduced by Mr. Hudspeth of Texas to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Gadsden Purchase, and asking for an expression of the views of this Department on this proposed legislation.

In responding to your request for a report on this Bill I feel that the Department can do no better than to restate its position in regard to special coins. Objection is made for the following reasons: Since 1920, fifteen Acts of Congress have been passed, authorizing the issue of special coins. By the authorization of the issue of these fifteen special coins within ten years, Congress has permitted a new design for the half-dollar at an average of one every eight months.

Section 3510 of the Revised Statutes provides that "* * * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the first adoption of the design, model, die or hub for the same coin * * * *". The Department considers that this enactment of Congress enunciated a wise general public policy adopted after due deliberation.

Upon practically every occasion when the Department has been invited to express an opinion upon special coin issues, it has recommended disapproval of the passage of the bills. Upon a vigorous appeal before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, when the bill was pending for the issue of the Bennington coin, the Committee agreed to cooperate with the Department in discouraging the issue of special coins. The Committee went on record at that time in its report in the following terms: "The Committee desires at this time to go on record as not favoring legislation of this class because of the great number of bills introduced to commemorate events of local and not national interest, and because such quantities of the coins so authorized have had to be taken back by the Government, melted and reminted."

Aside from the very dangerous and objectionable policy of diverting coinage from its original use in trade, we are imposing upon the Mints and, therefore, upon the Government, an unnecessary and wasteful practice. We are required to invest money in metal for unnecessary coinage, and we are entirely defeating the original idea that

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coinage should be on Government account only. We are imposing an unnecessary burden on the manufacturing plants charged with the preparation of coinage needed in business and are diverting the activities of the Mints, intended to supply the needs of all of the people, in order to meet the demands of a few of the people. The Department is now endeavoring to meet the coinage requirements of the country with the same number of Mints that we had thirty years ago. This can only be done by avoiding every unnecessary undertaking and confining the work of the Mints to the legitimate demands of the enormous business of the country for regular coinage.

For your confidential information I am appending a table which indicates the number of special coins authorized, coined and then returned to the Mints to be destroyed.

	Authorized	Coined	Returned to the Mints
Columbian Exposition - - - -	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,501,700
Lewis and Clark - - - - - -	250,000	60,000	40,003
Panama-Pacific - - - - - - -	200,000	60,000	32,866
McKinley Memorial - - - - -	100,000	30,000	10,023
Landing of Pilgrims - - - -	300,000	300,000	30,000
Missouri Centennial - - - -	250,000	50,000	29,600
Grant Memorial - - - - - - -	250,000	100,000	28,400
Huguenot-Walloon - - - - - -	300,000	142,000	55,000 *
California 75th Anniversary	300,000	150,000	63,606
Battle of Bennington - - - -	40,000	40,000	11,892
Fort Vancouver Centennial -	300,000	50,000	35,000
Sesquicentennial - - - - - -	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000
Stone Mountain - - - - - - -	5,000,000	2,134,000	* *

* 55,000 Huguenot coins placed in circulation at face value

* * It is understood that large numbers of Stone Mountain coins are on hand, unsold, at the Banks.

I have gone into this subject at some length in the hope that you will consent to assist us by intercepting the passage of further legislation of this character.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins, Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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February 7, 1930.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared a bond in the sum of $5,000., to be executed by Mr. John R. Sinnock, Engraver at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Appointed March 17, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1930.

Honorable W. H. McMaster,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McMaster:

I have your letter of February 5th, recommending for appointment as a Member of the Annual Assay Commission, Mr. Will H. Rounds of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I should be glad to accede to your request, but the President has already named the Members of the Commission for this year.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 11, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. J. W. Donnelly Jr. be promoted from the position of Clerk - Stenographer, Grade CAF 4-3, at $1,800 per annum, to Grade CAF 5-1, at $2,000 per annum, effective February 1, 1930.

This is in accordance with the reallocation authorized by the Personnel Classification Board under date of February 7, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to report that the Assay Commission, appointed by the President to test the coins reserved by the respective Mints, met at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday morning, February 12th, and adjourned on Thursday evening, February 13th.

The Commission found all the coins up to the requirements of law as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,445,668,836
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - -	310,833,763
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	123,919,887
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,420,382,830

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1930.

Chief [illegible]
Treasury Department.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 19, 1926, I have to report the following changes in the personnel of this Bureau during the month ended February 28, 1930.

James W. Donnelly Jr., Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, reallocated from Grade CAF 4-6 at $1,800 per annum to Grade CAF 5-1 at $2,000 per annum, effective February 1, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to February 28, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1950.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1950, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,457,265,195
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	311,171,556
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	124,405,594
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,432,802,669

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a specimen strike of the Chinese "Yuan" made from the dies prepared for the Chinese Government at the United States Mint at Philadelphia in accordance with your letter of January 18, 1930, "FE - 893.515/160".

The coin is being submitted to you with the request that it be sent to the Chinese Minister for his approval.

It should be understood that upon the return of the inclosed coin to the Treasury Department, the specimen will be destroyed, as this Government has not been commissioned to make the coins.

Although the die has been approved, it seemed appropriate to submit a specimen of the work the dies will do.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 5, 1930.

Honorable Roy G. Fitzgerald,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

I have your letter of March 3rd, addressed to the Director of the Mint, relative to a proposed commemorative 50¢ piece for the Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission.

The cost of manufacturing 50¢ pieces is approximately $9 per one thousand pieces.

In the case of special coins, it has been the custom for the organization bringing about the legislation to procure designs and submit them to this Department for approval. The Department has not undertaken to suggest artists for the preparation of models for such coins.

The cost of executing such models has ranged from $1,000 to $3,000. This cost is borne by the association interested.

Upon receipt of designs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Mint prepares the dies from such models. The cost of manufacturing the dies is $500, and this cost would also be borne by the Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission.

The coins would be delivered at face value by the Mint to the Chairman or Secretary of the Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission.

May I submit the following statement as manifesting the attitude of this Department toward the issue of special coins?

Since 1920, fifteen Acts of Congress have been passed authorizing the issue of special coins. By the authorization of the issue of these fifteen commemorative coins within ten years, Congress has permitted a new design for the half-dollar at an average of one every eight months.

Section 3510 of the Revised Statutes provides that "* * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the first adoption of the design, model, die or hub for the same coin * * * *". The Department considers that this enactment of Congress, adopted after due deliberation, enunciates a wise general public policy.

Upon practically every occasion when the Department has been invited to express an opinion upon special coin issues, it has recommended disapproval of the passage of the bills. Upon a vigorous appeal before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, when the bill was pending for the issue of the Bennington coin, the Committee agreed to cooperate with the Department in discouraging the issue of special coins. The Committee went on record at that time in its report in the following terms: "The Committee desires at this time to go on record as not favoring legislation of this class because of the great number of bills introduced to commemorate events of local and not national interest, and because much quantities of the coins so authorized have had to be taken back by the Government, melted and reminted."

Aside from the very dangerous and objectionable policy of diverting coinage from its original use in trade, we are imposing upon the Mints and, therefore, upon the Government, an unnecessary and wasteful practice. We are required to invest money in metal for unnecessary coinage, and we are entirely defeating the original idea that coinage should be on Government account only. We are imposing an unnecessary burden on the manufacturing plants charged with the preparation of coinage needed in business and we are diverting the activities of the Mints, intended to supply the needs of all of the people, in order to meet the demands of a few of the people. The Department is now endeavoring to meet the coinage requirements of the country with the same number of Mints that we had thirty years ago. This can only be done by avoiding every superfluous undertaking and confining the work of the Mints to the legitimate demands of the enormous business of the country for regular coinage.

For your confidential information I am appending a table which indicates the number of special coins authorized, coined and then returned to the Mints to be destroyed.

	Authorized	Coined	Returned to the Mints
Columbian Exposition - - - -	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,501,700
Lewis and Clark - - - - - -	250,000	60,000	40,005
Panama-Pacific - - - - - - -	300,000	60,000	32,866
McKinley Memorial - - - - -	100,000	50,000	10,025
Landing of the Pilgrims - -	300,000	300,000	80,000
Missouri Centennial - - - -	250,000	50,000	29,600
Grant Memorial - - - - - - -	250,000	100,000	26,400
Huguenot-Walloon - - - - - -	300,000	142,000	55,000 *
California 75th Anniversary-	300,000	150,000	65,606
Battle of Bennington - - - -	40,000	40,000	11,892
Fort Vancouver Centennial- -	300,000	50,000	35,000
Sesquicentennial - - - - - -	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000
Stone Mountain - - - - - - -	5,000,000	2,134,000	* *

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* 55,000 Huguenot coins placed in circulation at face value
** It is understood that large numbers of Stone Mountain coins are on hand, unsold, at the Banks.

I have gone into this subject at some length in the hope that you will consent to assist us by intercepting the passage of further legislation of this character.

Respectfully,

W. G. McAdoo

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 4, 1930.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 1st, transmitting a copy of Senate Bill 5757, a Bill to authorize the coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Gadsden Purchase, and asking for an expression of the views of this Department on this proposed legislation.

In responding to your request for a report on this Bill I feel that the Department can do no better than to restate its position in regard to special coins. Objection is made for the following reasons: Since 1920, fifteen Acts of Congress have been passed, authorizing the issue of special coins. By the authorization of the issue of these fifteen special coins within ten years, Congress has permitted a new design for the half-dollar at an average of one every eight months.

Section 3510 of the Revised Statutes provides that "* * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the first adoption of the design, model, die or hub for the same coin * * * *". The Department considers that this enactment of Congress enunciated a wise general public policy adopted after due deliberation.

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Panama-Pacific - - - - - - -	200,000	60,000	32,000
McKinley Memorial - - - - -	100,000	50,000	10,023
Landing of Pilgrims - - - -	300,000	300,000	80,000
Missouri Centennial - - - -	250,000	50,000	29,300
Grant Memorial - - - - - - -	250,000	100,000	28,400
Huguenot-Walloon - - - - - -	300,000	142,000	55,000 *
California 75th Anniversary-	300,000	150,000	63,606
Battle of Bennington - - - -	40,000	40,000	11,892
Fort Vancouver Centennial -	500,000	50,000	35,000
Sesquicentennial - - - - - -	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000
Stone Mountain - - - - - - -	5,000,000	2,134,000	* *

* 55,000 Huguenot coins placed in circulation at face value

* * It is understood that large numbers of Stone Mountain coins are on hand, unsold, at the Banks.

I have gone into this subject at some length in the hope that you will consent to assist us by intercepting the passage of further legislation of this character.

Under date of January 31, 1930, a similar letter was addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, House of Representatives, concerning Bill, H. R. 2029.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Peter Norbeck, Chairman,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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March 6, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5th, requesting that the Philadelphia Mint manufacture miniatures of Navy Department medals.

In order to make these miniatures, it will be necessary for the Philadelphia Mint to be supplied with dies. Should the Mint be required to manufacture these dies, they will cost $300 each.

If the Navy Department is already in possession of dies for the miniature medals and they can be delivered to the Mint, the Mint will be directed to submit a quotation on the cost of making the miniatures.

It is understood that, should this work be undertaken, the medals are to be sold by the Philadelphia Mint to applicants authorized by your Department to procure the same.

Will you please advise this Department at your convenience in regard to the dies?

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 8, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18th, "FA-102.14/373", inclosing a note from the Ambassador of Great Britain at Washington, in which he requests, on behalf of the Deputy Master and Controller of the Royal Mint at London, certain information in regard to the coinage executed in the United States during the year ended December 31, 1929.

I take pleasure in inclosing in triplicate replies to the inquiries of the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

March 11, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of March 4th relative to telephone installations, please be advised that all of the telephones in this Bureau are to be unrestricted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1930.

Honorable Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Jones:

I have the acknowledgment your letter of March 4th.

In response to your inquiry as to the expenses, receipts and operations of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, I would refer you to the inclosed copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929. On pages 7, 18, 20 and 21 of this Report you will find statistics relative to the Seattle Assay Office for the fiscal year 1929.

The term of the Assayer in Charge of the Seattle Assay Office is at the will of the administration; he continues in office until the appointment of a successor.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 14, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,457,179,089
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - -	311,260,710
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	124,400,370
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,432,800,513

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of February 25th relative to registered mail, the following is submitted.

Gold and silver scrap in the form of bullion is forwarded via insured parcel post to various Field Offices of the Mint Service. It is estimated that the value thereof for a year would be approximately $7,500 in gold and about $300 in silver. The number of shipments in a year would be from 18 to 20.

Registered packages containing gold and silver; about 30 shipments in a year; value, about $600.

In addition to the foregoing, the Bureau returns to correspondents about 250 packages per year, via registered mail. These contain specimens of ore which have been erroneously sent here for assay. They are registered in returning them for the reason that those sending them regard them as valuable and a record of their transmission by registered mail is considered a safeguard to the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 12th, inclosing copies of two letters written by Mr. Albert Stewart, the sculptor, who had been commissioned to make the designs for the Severe Bluewater Campaign Medal.

Should the Navy Department request it, the dies for this medal could be made at the Philadelphia Mint.

The work of reducing the sculptor's model and making the master die would cost approximately $200.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 17, 1930.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Attention: Section of Surety Bonds.

Please find herewith receipt for $20., in payment of the bond of Elbert T. Clyde, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1930.

Honorable Roy G. Fitzgerald,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 8th relative to the proposed issue of fifty-cent pieces for the sesquicentennial of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

The cost of manufacturing 200,000 commemorative half-dollars would be as follows:

Coinage charges - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,500.00
Silver, at the March 15, 1930, market rate of 41 cents per fine ounce - - - - - - - - - - -	29,660.00
Copper for alloy, at the current market price of 18 cents per avoirdupois pound - - - - - - -	99.36

If the Department can serve you further, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 21, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19th, "LA 831.515/69", inclosing in copy and translation a note, No. 148, dated March 13, 1930, from the Minister of Venezuela in Washington, whereby the Minister requests this Department to coin for his Government 500,000 ten bolivar gold pieces at the Philadelphia Mint.

In this connection I am pleased to submit the following:

Coinage Costs.

500,000 - 10 bolivar gold pieces, 900 fine, $9.50 per 1,000 pieces.
Master dies and hub, $200.00 per pair.

Total Required.

46,358.755 fine ounces of gold.

The above coinage charges include working dies and the necessary copper for alloy purposes. The gold bullion required must be furnished by the Government of Venezuela. The cost of containers for shipment of the coins will be additional to the coinage charges.

Time Required for Coinage.

Three weeks from receipt of order to make dies, and from three to four weeks from completion of dies to finish the coinage.

Upon receipt of advice that these terms are satisfactory to the Government of Venezuela, the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed as early as practicable with the execution of this coinage.

It is understood that the Guaranty Trust Company of New York is to receive and make payment for these coins when they are completed at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 21, 1930.

Honorable Tom Connally,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Connally:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 18th, inclosing a letter addressed to you by Mr. W. L. Bowlus of Baird, Texas, in which he suggests the issuance of a series of commemorative coins in honor of the late former President and former Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

The policy of the Treasury Department is to oppose the issue of special coins. It is regarded as unwise and undesirable to have multiple designs for the respective denominations of our coins. Existing law provides that no change shall be made in the designs of our coins oftener than once in twenty-five years without a special Act of Congress. We defeat the purpose of this wise legislation by frequent issues of coins of special design. Such issues are opposed on the broader ground that, in the judgment of this Department, it is inappropriate for our coinage to be used to create a fund for any special purposes other than those of great national interest.

May I offer you my very sincere appreciation of the courtesy you have shown in giving this Department the opportunity of expressing its attitude toward measures of this kind?

As requested, Mr. Bowlus' letter is returned, inclosed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 28, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of March 19th relative to the Treasury Department baseball teams, I take pleasure in sending you herewith $8.65, as per the attached lists.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval photographs of the obverse and reverse of the Lindbergh medal, prepared by Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser. This medal was authorized by Act of Congress approved May 4, 1928.

The designs have been submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for opinion as to artistic merit and have the approval of that Body, as well as my approval.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved: March 27, 1930

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 29, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 26th, inclosing a copy of a letter from Honorable William Williamson, House of Representatives, I beg to state that the subject matter of the letter would not apply to the employees of the Mint and Assay Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1930.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a telegram addressed by the Minister of Panama to the "Director of the Mint, Philadelphia". The telegram was forwarded by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to this Department.

In response to the Minister's request for information as to the cost of coining certain silver coins for his Government, the following is submitted:

The Minister of Panama refers to the cost of dies and designs for each different piece. The Philadelphia Mint has in its custody dies for the 25, 10 and 5 centesimos Panama coins. These denominations do not match up to the sizes of our half-dollar, quarter-dollar and dime, the differences being as follows:

25 centesimos	-	1.170	inches	diameter	- U.S. half-dollar,	1.205.
10 "		0.930	"	"	" quarter-dollar,	.955.
5 "		0.700	"	"	" dime,	.705,

and it may be that the design has been changed since these dies were last used, but if these are not the ones now in use today, and new ones are required, the Philadelphia Mint can make the master dies and hubs for these coins at $200 for each pair, provided plaster casts of the design are furnished.

The cost for coining these pieces would be:

Half-dollar size	-	$6.50	per thousand	pieces
Quarter dollar "	-	4.50	" "	"
Dime "	-	3.00	" "	"

The above prices include the cost of working dies and any alloy necessary. Boxes for shipping will be extra. These prices are based on approximately 20,000 or more pieces of each denomination.

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It is also noted in this telegram that the bullion intended to be used in this coinage will be 900/1000ths fine, from coins now outstanding. In that case, an additional charge of $1.00 per 1,000 ounces for melting the coins would have to be imposed.

Respectfully,

G. A. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 1, 1930.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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April 1, 1930.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25, of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning April 1, 1930, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,-
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, dated July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,

B. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter ended March 31, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,462,757,744
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary Silver - - - - -	311,029,125
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	124,870,397
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,438,617,610

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1930.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that blank form of bond in the sum of $25,000 be prepared for execution by Mr. Joseph W. Steel, Superintendent of the Coining Department at the San Francisco Mint.

Mr. Steel's appointment to this position takes effect on April 16, 1930, and he will be instructed not to complete the execution of the bond until that date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir: Attention: "CC-HSR"

In response to your letter of April 3rd, I have to advise you that this Bureau would not be interested in the transfer or use of the property mentioned.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 6, 1922.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of April 4th relative to United States Supreme Court Digests, please be advised that this Bureau is now delivering the copies being received to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

It is suggested that the supplements to the Digests be rerouted to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, attention of Mr. E. J. Cunningham.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,462,801,298
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	311,137,680
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	124,870,401
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,438,769,723

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1930.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of April 10, 1930, concerning S. 4124, a Bill to authorize the coinage of fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the one-hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the expedition of Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark.

The Treasury is opposed to this bill. It is opposed to the coinage of commemorative coins, except where the event to be commemorated by the coin is of great national interest. So many of these special commemorative coins have been issued already that they constitute a source of confusion in our coinage system. The multiplicity of designs for our coins is seriously objectionable. The policy of the Government has been to issue as few designs as possible, so that the public may become familiar with each. The Treasury is required to maintain the integrity of the coins, and this is difficult to do unless the number of designs is reduced to a minimum. Congress recognized the need for limiting the design of our coins when, after due consideration, it provided in section 3510 of the Revised Statutes (Tit. 31, Sec. 276, U.S.C.), that:

> "* * * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub for the same coin * * *".

The practice of issuing commemorative coins to provide profits for projects or celebrations other than to commemorate events of great national importance is growing and seems to be unwise. These coins do not serve generally as a circulating medium, which is the only legitimate function of coins. The views of the Treasury on the subject generally were expressed by Assistant Secretary Hope at the hearing granted to him on March 17, 1930, by the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, in connection with H. R. 6846.

As you are aware, Congress already has passed legislation authorizing the issue of a special coin to commemorate the exploration of the Oregon region by Captain Lewis and Captain Clark. By the act of April 13, 1904, (33 Stat. 175), Congress authorized the coinage of 250,000 gold dollars to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon country by Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark.

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In addition to the Lewis and Clark gold dollar authorized by the act of 1904, the Oregon Trail Memorial coin was also said to be intended to memorialize the exploration of the Oregon country.

Should S. 4124, the present bill, be approved, Congress will have authorized the issue of three special coins to commemorate the same achievement.

To approve one such bill will result in the introduction of a great many bills of similar character. Besides the bill calling for coinage to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the expedition of Captain Lewis and Captain Clark, there are several other bills to authorize the issue of commemorative coins now pending before Congress and others are likely to be introduced, if S. 4124 is approved. There is before this Department a request that legislation be recommended for the issue of several denominations of coins in commemoration of the late ex-President and ex-Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, and another for the issue of a coin to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the birth of General Pulaski. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.3510 Congress has approved the issue of seventeen commemorative fifty-cent pieces during the past fifteen years, and unless the issue of these coins is restricted to the commemoration of events of great national interest, the situation is one that is going to be exceedingly difficult to handle.

It might be added that the estimates of the Department for the operation of the Mints are based upon the cost of manufacturing the regular denominations of coins needed to supply the demands of commerce. The cost of manufacturing special commemorative coins, which could not have been anticipated at the time estimates were submitted to Congress, places a burden on the regular appropriation, and the effect of issuing coins to commemorate events other than those of great interest to all of the people is to throw upon the Mints - the expenses of which are borne by all of the people - the cost of carrying out projects of purely local interest. The Mints do manufacture some coins for foreign Governments as a matter of international comity, but such coinages are paid for by the foreign Governments, with the result that the regular appropriations are not depleted thereby.

There is also an objection to the form of the bill under consideration in that it does not specify the number of coins proposed to be issued; therefore the bill, as drawn, would permit the Lewis and Clark Memorial Association to draw upon the Treasury at any time for an indefinite number of these special coins.

A similar report on H. R. 4192 was made on March 31, 1930, to the Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

Very truly yours,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Peter Norbeck, Chairman,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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April 26, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a voucher covering the cost of preparing the model for the Chinese Yuan, amounting to Five Hundred Dollars ($500). The model was executed by Mr. John R. Sinnock, 2022 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa. There is also enclosed a voucher covering the cost of the master dies and the hubs for this coin, amounting to $500. The dies were prepared at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, in accordance with your letter of December 18, 1929, enclosing a letter from the Minister of China dated December 14, 1929.

It is requested that the vouchers be forwarded through your Department to the Minister of China for payment.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

April 30, 1930.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of April 23, 1930, concerning H. R. 11653, a Bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and manufacture a medal in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the expedition of Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark.

I take pleasure in stating that this Department will interpose no objection to the enactment of this legislation. The facilities of the Mint service will be placed at the disposal of the Lewis and Clark Memorial Association in the manufacture of the medals.

I submit for the consideration of your Committee the suggestion that the bill be amended to the extent of indicating the maximum number of medals to be made, and the metal out of which they are to be manufactured.

Very truly yours

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 1, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P.C.B. Circular No. 8, I have to report that no changes in the status of the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ending April 30, 1930.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 1, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the month ended April 30, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 8, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a communication received from the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, transmitting a letter received by him from E. H. Bereket-Zade, Stamboul, relative to a sound-ranging apparatus.

The letters are submitted to you for such action as you may deem appropriate.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 10, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy:

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 3, 1930, relative to your Department's order No. 04782 to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for 1,000 Good Conduct Medals, Pins, Bars, etc. in which it is stated that the medals do not correspond with the sample medal.

Your letter was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and the Department is to-day in receipt of a reply from that officer. His letter is enclosed for your consideration, and for a further expression of your wishes.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 16, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,492,538,155
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	311,093,420
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	125,333,650
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,468,925,569

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 15, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 12, 1930, in reference to our letter of March 31, 1930, and previous correspondence relating to the proposal for the execution of coinage for the Republic of Panama, and transmitting a copy and translation of a note, No. D-331 of May 7, 1930, together with a copy in translation of its enclosures from the Minister of Panama.

I take pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint of Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed with this coinage as early as practicable. The translation enclosed with the letter from the Minister of Panama indicates that it will be necessary to have new dies made for this coinage. The models of designs for coins should be forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia in the form of plaster cast about eight inches in diameter. Upon receipt of these models the Mint at Philadelphia will proceed to manufacture the master dies. In accordance with our letter of March 31st the cost of making the master dies and hubs will be $200.00 for each pair.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint will also be instructed to receive old silver coins to be shipped by the Panama Government to the Mint to be used in the manufacture of new coins.

Respectfully,

Ogden

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 23, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the gold medal authorized by the Act of May 4, 1928, to be presented to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, will be ready on June 2, 1930.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

May 27, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the promotion of Mr. Timothy J. Quirk from the position of Associate Scientist, P. 3, at $3400, to the position of Scientist, Grade P. 4, at $3600 per annum. This promotion is in accordance with a reallocation of the position by the Classification Board dated May 24, 1930.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 4, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,494,574,713
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	310,846,161
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	125,785,188
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,471,166,406

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 9, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, I have to report that during the month of May Mr. T. J. Quirk was transferred from the position of Associate Scientist, P. 3, at $3400 to the position of Scientist, P. 4, at $3800 per annum, through reclassification, approved May 24, 1930, effective May 1, 1930.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of this Service for the month ended May 31, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.
OR

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June 10, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of May 8, 1930, I beg to state that this Bureau has no suggestions to make as to the revision of Standard Form No. 18, "Transportation Request Register."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 13, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Garfield Marsden be transferred from the position of watchman-laborer, custodian service, Seattle, Washington, to the position of watchman in the U. S. Assay Office at Seattle, at $1440 per annum. The Supervising Architect has no objection to the transfer of Mr. Marsden.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 5, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payments for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925.

The Bankers Magazine, New York.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
El Economista, Madrid.
The Engineering and Mining Journal.
The Bankers Magazine, London.
The Mining Journal.
The Economist.
The Statist.
The Monetary Times, Toronto.
The Far Eastern Review, Shanghai, China.
South African Mining Journal, Johannesburg, S. Africa.
Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Journal.
Metals and Alloys.

Respectfully,

Approved:

Ro Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 12, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 10, 1930, relative to coinage to be executed at the Philadelphia Mint for the Government of Venezuela, and enclosing a copy in translation of note No. 315, dated May 31, 1930, from the Legation of Venezuela at Washington, stating that Senor Julio C. Bolet has been commissioned by the Department of Finance of the Government of Venezuela to proceed to Philadelphia to take any necessary steps in carrying out this coinage.

This Department has taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to place the facilities of the Mint at Philadelphia at the disposal of Senor Julio C. Bolet in order that he may accomplish his mission to his entire satisfaction.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 13, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1930, is given below;

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,494,417,200
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	310,765,738
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	125,778,830
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,470,922,112

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 18, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of sick leave for Mr. James W. Donnelly, Jr., Clerk CAF-5 at $2,000, for a period of twenty days in excess of ten days allowed to him. Mr. Donnelly has been absent on account of sickness, from May 5th to June 3rd, 1930, inclusive, and has no accumulated sick leave.

I have also to request your approval of leave of absence without pay for Mr. Donnelly for a period of not to exceed sixty days, from and including June 4, 1930. Mr. Donnelly has a World War record and is now under treatment in a Veterans' Hospital. His record of service has been satisfactory and in the opinion of this Bureau he is worthy of the privileges for which this letter makes request.

Respectfully,

M. W. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 19, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF CLERK.

The Act of March 4, 1929, made available money for the purchase of a new site for the U. S. Assay Office, New York. The re-location of the Assay Office will release the present site, one of the most valuable pieces of property in the world, and the office will be erected upon a less valuable but suitable site for the purposes of the assay office. Although legislation authorizing this move was approved March 4, 1929, the transaction was put into successful effect during the current fiscal year. The sale of the present site and the purchase of the new one will result in a profit of several million dollars.

The Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 1930, (signed December 20, 1928), provided one item instead of four for the support of the mint field service. This adjustment went into effect during the current fiscal year. The greater flexibility afforded by the consolidation of the appropriations resulted in the elimination of the necessity for several working balances, and it is expected that a substantial saving will be reflected in the expenditures for the current fiscal year. It is hoped that this will permit the submission of a reduction in our estimates for the fiscal year 1932.

Experimental work is being constantly carried on by our technical men and changes are being made which eliminate lost motion in mechanical operations, conserve the use of supplies, and reduce the consumption of power. Installations are now in progress which will appreciably reduce our expenditures for gas, steam and electric power. With the completion of changes in equipment and the putting into effect of new methods of business now being worked out, we expect to be able to recommend further reductions in our appropriations without impairing our ability to meet the demands for coinage.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 23, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval the promotion of John L. Blomquist from the position of watchman at the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Wash., at a compensation of $1380 per annum, to that of helper at the same institution at a compensation of $1440 per annum, effective July 1, 1930. Mr. Blomquist is to take the place of John H. Wright who resigned May 15, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 24, 1930.

Chief Clerk, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your request of recent date the following statement is submitted relative to progress made in the operations of the Mint Service:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF CLERK.

The Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 1930, (Signed December 20, 1928), provided one item instead of four for the support of the mint field service. This adjustment went into effect during the current fiscal year. The greater flexibility afforded by the consolidation of the appropriations resulted in the elimination of the necessity for several working balances, and it is expected that a substantial saving will be reflected in the expenditures for the current fiscal year. It is hoped that this will permit the submission of a reduction in our estimates for the fiscal year 1932.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 25, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Under date of June 13, 1930, this Bureau recommended the transfer of Mr. Garfield Marsden from the position of watchman-laborer, custodian service, Seattle, Washington, to the position of watchman in the United States Assay Office at Seattle, at a salary of $1,440 per annum.

This office was in error in recommending a salary of $1,440 and it is request that the letter of June 13th be amended to provide a salary of $1,380 per annum for Mr. Marsden as watchman-laborer at the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 24, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of June 17, 1930, enclosing vouchers covering the cost of master dies and hubs prepared for the Chinese Government. In accordance with your request I am enclosing the receipted vouchers for transmission to the Chinese Minister.

In connection with these dies and hubs for the Chinese dollar the Director of the Mint requests instructions as to whom the dies and hubs should be shipped and whether it is desired that they be packed at the mint ready for shipment abroad. Upon receipt of instructions from you, appropriate directions will be given to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Encls.

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 1, 1950.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

June 26, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following promotions for officers of the Mint service, effective July 1, 1930:

Alanson B. Wilson, Chief Clerk, U. S. Assay Office, New York, from $3600 to $4600 per annum.

J. C. Bates, Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint, San Francisco, from $3800 to $4600 per annum.

Oscar Hinrichs, Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint, Denver, from $3600 to $4600 per annum.

Provision for these increases was made in the appropriation for 1931. The promotions are asked for in each case in order to bring the salary of the position of Chief Clerk in each of our major institutions into harmony with the responsibilities of the office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 2, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,496,295,640
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,344
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	310,867,633
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,000,900
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,473,124,517

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 9, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provision of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, I have to report the following change in the personnel of this Bureau:-

Mr. Osias L. Schwarz, Clerk, at $2700 per annum, CAF 6, transferred to the Office of the Secretary at same compensation for a period of not to exceed sixty days.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1880.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employees of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act ofMarch 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month and year ended June 30, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the terms of your circular letter of June 18, 1930, there is submitted herewith, on the form provided by you, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau, as of June 30, 1930.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 10, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

This Department is in receipt of a request from the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, for the manufacture of ten Distinguished Marksman Medals for the U. S. Coast Guard, the medals to be the same as the Distinguished Marksman Medals furnished the U. S. Marine Corps with the exception of the bar which would bear the inscription "U. S. Coast Guard" in place of the inscription "U. S. Marine Corps."

I have the honor to request that this Department be advised as to whether or not there is objection on your part to the use of the Marine Corps dies for the purposes of the Coast Guard.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

July 18, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury;
Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend Mr. Osias L. Schwarz who was transferred from the position of Clerk (Translator), CAF 6-15, to the office of the Secretary at $2,700 per annum on June 1, 1930, for a period not to exceed two months, be retransferred to this Bureau as Clerk (Translator), CAF 6-13, at $2,700 per annum. This retransfer to take effect August 1, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1950.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1950, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - -	[illegible]
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	552,659,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	510,978,573
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,001,032
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,475,244,402

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 25, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of July 16, 1930, concerning General Accounting Office suspensions and disallowances on disbursements made by J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, under bond dated December 10, 1925, I have to advise that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, no such items pertaining to the Mint Bureau are unsettled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 25, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury, (Division of Appointments)
Washington, D. C.

In response to your Circular Letter of July 18, 1930, I am enclosing a schedule covering the names of employees in the Minor Assay Offices who will be affected by the provisions of the Act of July 3, 1930. The list is submitted for your approval.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

July 26, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to request that there be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous Receipt - Balance Unclaimed in Secretary's Special Deposit Account No. 3 - the sum of $4 remaining from the amounts deposited by J. P. Morgan & Company in 1924 for meeting costs of shipping gold coin from the Philadelphia Mint to the New York Assay Office, in excess of the amounts required for meeting such costs.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

August 5, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,496,042,140
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	310,995,912
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,001,048
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,472,998,620

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

August 7, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of export declarations covering shipment of master dies and collar for new Chinese one yuan coin, sent July 30, 1930, to His Excellency Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Nanking, China, in accordance with instructions contained in letter of July 9th from the Minister of China at Washington.

I have the honor to suggest that the Chinese Minister be informed that a trial pair of working dies were made and thoroughly proved in a run on a coining press under working conditions. The coin which was sent to the Minister and returned with his approval was struck in the regular way on a coining press. This is a very large coin, but there should be no difficulty in striking perfect pieces on coining presses if the blanks are cut exactly the right size, thoroughly annealed, and properly milled.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Encl.

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August 12, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. James W. Donnelly, Jr., private secretary to the Director of the Mint, be dropped from the rolls of this Bureau at the close of business August 4, 1930, due to excessive leave on account of illness.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This Department is in receipt of a letter addressed by Captain W. R. Furlong of the United States Navy to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia requesting the preparation of certain medals in the Mint at Philadelphia, to be used in connection with the Commission appointed by the President to meet with three High Chiefs of the Samoan Islands.

The cost of the dies for preparing these medals will be $25.00. There will also be a charge of $2.00 for engraving each medal. The cost of striking the medals will be $2.50 each. I will appreciate your courtesy if you will advise this Department as to whether or not the costs enumerated above are satisfactory.

The letter states that the Commission will leave this country about the first of September. It will, therefore, be necessary for this Department to be advised very promptly in regard to the charges.

Respectfully,

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Secretary of the Treasury.

August 14, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Mr. Alvin C. Walters, Washington, D. C., to the position of private secretary to the Director of the Mint at $2000 per annum, this position having been made vacant by the dropping from the rolls of Mr. James W. Donnelly on account of excessive leave due to illness.

It is requested that the appointment be made effective September 2, 1930. The position is an excepted one.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR

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August 14, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 13, 1930, (Reference LA 819.515/68) transmitting a copy of a note dated August 4, 1930, from the Minister of Panama in Washington, setting forth the desire of his Government to increase to 300,000 balboas the present coinage of 250,000 balboas now being prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to make the necessary plans for this additional coinage at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

August 21, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,495,964,689
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	310,950,253
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	125,989,826
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,472,864,288

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of August 20, 1930, enclosing copy of letter from the United States Bureau of Efficiency, dated August 15, 1930, requesting certain information concerning the so-called "average" provision as contained in the appropriation Acts.

The operation of the "average" provision has worked an injustice in two cases in this Bureau; one case was corrected by reclassification during the fiscal year 1930. The existing case in this Bureau involves two employees in class 6-CAF. The translator who is in this class is receiving $2,800; the principal clerk in the same class is receiving $2,400.

This has the effect of preventing the promotion of the clerk now receiving $2,400, although his efficiency rating entitles him to $2,800. The "average" provision interferes with the working out of the corelation between salary and efficiency rating. The clerk in the case cited now receiving $2,400 cannot be advanced even to the average rate of the class.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Final revision of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1930, gives the following figures:

Gold coin - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,496,305,505
Standard silver dollars - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	310,978,375
Minor coins - - - - - - - - - -	126,001,052
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,473,244,452

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimates of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,494,884,950
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	311,171,773
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,226,077
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,472,242,320

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1930. w

Chief Clerk
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to two employees who were injured in performance of official duties. The question has arisen as to the compensation which should be allowed these employees.

May I recommend that this letter be forwarded to the Secretary, United States Employees Compensation Commission, with the request that this Bureau be advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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September 15, 1930.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to a letter of the Comptroller General of the United States, copy of which is attached, relative to the status of the field employees of the Mint service in relation to the Brookhart Act.

The letter refers to section 5 of the original Classification Act, which provides as follows:

"That the compensation schedules * * * shall not apply to employees in positions the duties of which are to perform or assist in apprentice, helper, or journeyman work in a recognized trade or craft and skilled and semiskilled laborers, except such as are under the direction and control of the custodian of a public building or perform work which is subordinate, incidental or preparatory to work of a professional, scientific or technical character. * * *"

The Comptroller General further states that:

"It would seem that the employees whose duties fall within the classes mentioned in the above quoted provision from the original Classification Act compare with similar positions under the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the seat of Government, which are not subject to the terms of the Classification Act.

Therefore, since there are no positions in the departmental service in the District of Columbia, the compensation of which is fixed on a per diem basis, or the duties of which are those of a recognized trade or craft, within the schedules prescribed by the Classification Act, as amended, there would be no authority under section 2 of the Brookhart Salary Act to adjust the salary rates of such employees at the United States mints who are paid on a per diem basis or whose duties would fall within the classes of positions excluded from the terms of the Classification Act by section 5 thereof."

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Referring to that portion of section 5 of the original Classification Act, it has been held that employees of the Mints and Assay offices are included in the exceptions stated in that section of the original Classification Act which is quoted by the Comptroller General. I have the honor to recommend that an opinion be requested from the Comptroller General of the United States as to whether or not this assumption is correct.

The "Preliminary Class Specifications of positions in the Field Service", P.C.B. Form No. 18, places the supervisory officers of the Mints and Assay offices in the professional classes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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September 15, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit a report of the operations of the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1930, for incorporation in the administrative reports section of the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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September 15, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodical is required for official use in the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia and to request your authority to make payments for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925.

Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering.

Respectfully,

Mr M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

Approved:

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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September 17, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,493,757,521
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	311,202,706
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,221,286
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,471,141,033

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1930.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State

Sir:

The Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to coin 300,000 - 1/2 Balboas, 400,000 - 1/4 Balboas and 500,000 - 1/10 Balboas for the Government of Panama.

I have the honor to state that, in addition to the number of coins enumerated, Honorable R. J. Alfaro, Minister of Panama, has requested that the Mint make about 20 pieces of each denomination which he desires for high officials of the Government of Panama and the United States.

Please advise me if there is any objection to the Mint acceding to the request of the Minister of Panama.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury

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September 28, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the balance standing to the credit of the "Special Fund - Charges on Silver-Dollar Bullion Sold", $1,382,115.62, be covered into the Treasury to the credit of Miscellaneous Receipts, transactions under the Act of April 23, 1918, known as the Pittman Act, having been completed over two years ago and there being no prospect of further need for expenditure of the funds in question.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 22, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Roy Algate of this Bureau be granted an extension of leave of absence for a period of four days. Mr. Algate is a faithful employee of this office; he is a veteran, and his absence for the period mentioned was unavoidable. He has no accrued sick leave.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint

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September 26, 1930.

Chief Clerk and Classification Officer,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing, in triplicate, for transmission to the Personal Classification Board, schedules covering allocation of positions in the field institutions of the Mint and Assay service, previously reported on Personal Classification Board form No. 14.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 22nd, asking for the preparation of 5,000 good conduct medals and 1,000 bars for good conduct medals.

The Director of the Mint has been instructed to proceed with the preparation of the medals at the Philadelphia Mint as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of September 30th.

The following names are submitted for the White House Register:

Honorable and Mrs. R. J. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dunham.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimates of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,487,486,831
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	310,880,455
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,492,538
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,464,819,344

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ~~and year~~ ended September 30, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P.C.B. Circular No. 8, I have to report the following change in the personnel of this Bureau:-

Alvin C. Walters, Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, at $2,000 per annum, (CAF 5-1), appointed September 2, 1930, in place of James W. Donnelly, resigned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a blank form of bond in the sum of $5,000 be prepared for execution by Mr. Fred J. Allen, Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, Carson City. Mr. Allen is now under a $2,000 bond dated October 7, 1927.

The Assayer in Charge of the Carson office recommends this increase in Mr. Allen's bond for the reason that he is now Acting Assayer in the absence of the Assayer in Charge.

Mr. Allen was appointed Assistant Assayer in the Mint at Carson on September 26, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Pursuant to Section 522, Title IV, of the Tariff Act of 1930, reenacting Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

October 1, 1930.

Pursuant to Section 522, Title IV, of the Tariff Act of 1930, reenacting Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended, the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of foreign monetary units are hereby proclaimed to be the values of such units in terms of the money of account of the United States that are to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning October 1, 1930, expressed in any such foreign monetary units: Provided, however, That if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined and certified by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of Section 522, Title IV, of the Tariff Act of 1930.

Arthur Ballantine

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 4, 1930.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 2, 1930, relative to the participation by this Bureau in an exhibit to be made by the Government at the Chicago World's Fair of 1933.

I would suggest that the Mint Setvice be represented by an exhibition consisting of one modern coining press, one old type coining press, one automatic scale and one hand operated weighing machine.

The space estimated for this exhibit is 850 square feet.

The cost of shipping, installing and operating the above equipment, including salary and per diem expenses, together with traveling expenses of two employees, would be about $7,500. This amount does not include the cost of preparing suitable foundations for the support of this heave machinery, nor does it include the cost of power for opetating the machines.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. E. P. Leech, Assistant Cashier at $2,300, United States Mint, Denver, be transferred and appointed to the position of Chief Clerk, United States Assay Office, New York, at $4,600, vice A. B. Wilson, to be retired November 30, 1930. It is recommended that this transfer and appointment be approved to take effect December 1st.

Mr. Leech served as Chief Clerk of the United States Mint at Denver for 33 years, and is well qualified to undertake the duties of Chief Clerk, United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendents of the institutions concerned recommend this appointment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the transfer of Mr. E. J. Wager, Superintendent of Melting and Refining, United States Assay Office, New York, at $4,800, to the position of Superintendent of Melting and Refining, United States Mint at Denver, at $4,800, to take the place of Mr. J. W. Milsom, deceased.

It is recommended that this transfer be made effective November 1st. The Superintendents of the institutions concerned recommend this appointment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury, (Division of Appointments)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the letter of this Bureau, dated July 25, 1930, enclosing a schedule giving the names of employees in the Minor Assay Offices understood to be affected by the provisions of the Act of July 3, 1930, be amended to show that the following named employees were promoted administratively and not under the provisions of the Act of July 3, 1930:

John A. Morris, Melter - $1,920 to $1,980

Perry S. Myers, Skilled Workman - $1,920 to $1,980

C. L. Tedford, Skilled Workman - $1,920 to $1,980

N. R. Warren, Assistant Melter - $1,620 to $1,680

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.
OR

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October 8, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury, (Division of Appointments)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of July 18th, I am enclosing a schedule covering the names of employees in the Mints and Assay Offices who were affected by the provisions of the Act of July 3, 1930. The lists are submitted for your approval, effective July 3, 1930.

The delay in submitting these lists has been incident to the awaiting of a decision from the Comptroller General as to the classes of people in the Mints and Assay Offices eligible for promotion under the Act of July 3, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.
(House Report No. 75, 71st Congress, 2d Session)

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 31, 1929, authorizing this office to proceed with the elimination of the files and documents heretofore reported for destruction, I beg to submit the following statement:

100 pounds of useless documents in the United States Assay Office at Helena were destroyed by burning on April 8, 1930, there being no market for waste paper in that city.

28 pounds of useless papers on hand in the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City were destroyed, the Assayer in Charge being unable to obtain bidders therefor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1930.

Mr. E. F. Moessner,
Care Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to return to your post of duty at Denver by way of Philadelphia, in order to permit you to call at the Mint to inspect the balances and scales in use in that institution.

While engaged in this service, your actual and necessary traveling expenses and $6.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1931."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Approved: OCT 15 1930

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 17, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,487,485,909
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	311,015,411
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,492,535
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,464,953,375

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing official bond of Mr. Fred J. Allen, Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my letter of October 8th, enclosing schedules giving the names of the employees in the Mint and Assay Offices who were eligible for promotion under the Act of July 3, 1930. The name of Miss Laura E. Todd was accidentally omitted from the San Francisco list.

I have the honor to request your approval of the increase in compensation for Miss Todd from $1,920 per annum to $1,980, effective July 3, 1930. On June 30, 1928, Miss Todd was receiving $1,840. Under the Welch Act, she was advanced to $1,920, an increase of $80. She is, therefore, eligible for a further increase of $60 under the terms of the Act of July 3, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, a copy of a letter received by the Director of the Mint from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, relative to furnishing hubs in miniature of Navy medals and insignia to responsible firms desiring them.

I shall appreciate your courtesy if you will cause this Department to be instructed as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 3, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coin in the United States, as of October 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,505,045,374
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	311,166,923
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,700,113
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	$2,482,881,930

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F/w

November 4, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 1st, I am enclosing a statement covering the work of the translator of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended October 31, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received by this Bureau from the Chief Clerk of the Assay Office at New York, who seeks information to be applied to annuity applications, and shall appreciate your courtesy if you will provide this Bureau with the necessary information to reply to the Chief Clerk at New York.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Attorney General of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 29th, relative to the surrender of the occupancy of the Mint at New Orleans to the purposes of the Department of Justice.

It is desired by this Department that, before any steps are taken looking to the removal of the Assay Office from the present Mint building, an inspection of available premises in New Orleans be made by the Director of the Mint, and I should like to defer replying to your letter until a report is made by that officer.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 8, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the transfer of Mr. Charles Edwards from the position of Assistant Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, Mint at Philadelphia, to the position of Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, United States Assay Office, New York, at $4,600 per annum. Mr. Edwards was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, at Philadelphia, under Civil Service certificate No. 18506, August 16, 1929.

Mr. Edwards has proved his ability to assume the duties of the position of Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department at New York, vice Mr. E. J. Wagor, transferred to the Mint at Denver.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia concur in this recommendation. It is requested that this transfer and appointment be made effective November 15, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a bond be prepared for execution by Mr. Elery J. Wagor, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department, United States Mint, Denver, in the sum of $20,000.

Mr. Wagor was appointed to this position on November 1st.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

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November 14, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,504,958,200
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	311,178,039
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,689,166
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,482,784,925

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

November 10, 1930.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
Chief Clerk & Asst. Supt.,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the Mint at New Orleans for the purpose of conferring with the Assayer in Charge of that institution in regard to the proposed transfer of the Assay Office to a new location. You are requested to inspect available sites, either in public or private buildings, investigating as to rent in case private property is considered. You will please take into consideration the appropriateness of the site, the availability of such property for the installation of machinery and equipment used in the melting of precious metals, and the approximate cost of transferring the equipment now in the Mint building and installing it in the new location.

It is understood that the silver dollars now stored in the Mint at New Orleans will be transferred under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer of the United States. It is, therefore, not necessary for you to take them into consideration when planning for vault space for the Assay Office. It is probable that no vault will be required for the work of the Assay Office beyond a substantial safe, which, it is understood, is now in the Mint at New Orleans. However, should some site be brought to your attention which makes available storage space for approximately seven million dollars in silver, this fact should be incorporated in your report.

Upon your return from New Orleans, you are requested to stop in Washington for conference with this Bureau on the details of your written report. Your report will be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for consideration.

While engaged in this service, your actual and necessary traveling expenses, and $6.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence will be paid from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 19, 1930.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your circular of November 11, 1930, concerning "Reports to be Made to Congress", and referring specifically to the reports referred to in Title 31, Secs. 583 (4) and 599, you are advised as follows:

With respect to Title 31, Sec. 599:

There is no longer any appropriation made for wages of workman, adjusters and other employees. Therefore, this report cannot be made. The number of persons employed at each Mint and Assay Office is shown in the annual estimates as submitted by the Budget to Congress.

As to Title 31, Sec. 583 (4):

The estimates for the expenses of parting and refining bullion are included in the annual estimates for salaries and expenses. The parting and refining of bullion is a part of the other Mint operations. Separate estimates for the expenses of parting and refining bullion have never been submitted by the Director of the Mint. Ever since its passage, the Act of March 4, 1911, (36 Stat. 1292), has been interpreted by the Mint Bureau as not requiring that separate figures be given covering the parting and refining of bullion, but that they be included in the regular estimates. That expense is included as a part of the regular detailed estimates of expenditures for the Mint Service which are submitted to Congress in the regular Book of Estimates.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1930.

Mr. Lawrence Richey,
Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Richey:

I have your letter of November 12th, enclosing a letter from Senator Kean, who recommends Mr. Thomas A. Wright, of Plainfield, N. J., for appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I have taken great pleasure in having Mr. Wright's name placed on the list to be submitted to the President when the Commission is named in January.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 20, 1950.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of circular letter dated November 17th, relative to passes for employees of this Bureau.

I have to request that passes be issued to the following named persons:

UNLIMITED

M. M. O'Reilly
S. B. Frantz
T. J. Quirk

LIMITED

Eugene Russell
William Reeder

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I regret to announce the death on November 21, 1930, of Mr. Charles L. Longley, Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Mr. Longley was appointed by the President on September 17, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended November 30, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1930.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coin in the United States, as of November 30, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,535,139,399
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	311,451,993
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,787,855
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,513,338,767

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to consideration now being given to the removal of the Assay Office at New Orleans from the old Mint building to new quarters, I beg to submit the following report:

Mr. Fred H. Chaffin, Assistant Superintendent in the Mint at Philadelphia, was sent to New Orleans to confer with the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office in that city relative to available sites for the use of the Assay Office. Both officers investigated fully several vacant private properties, and also available space in the Customs House at New Orleans. The officers named conferred with the Assistant Collector of Customs, Mr. Ernest F. Koelle, Custodian of the Custom House, and found that space was available in that building entirely adequate for the purposes of the Assay Office, including vault space of sufficient capacity to hold the 6,878,500 silver dollars now stored in the old Mint building. These dollars would, of course, have to be removed in case it is finally decided to turn the Mint building over to the Department of Justice. The room considered has a floor space of about 2,550 square feet, with three large windows on the west, and a large door opening into the driveway on the east side of the room. The Assistant Custodian called attention to a doorway which had been blanked off some years ago, and which could be re-opened without great expense. This door could be replaced and used as the main entrance for the Assay Office if the space is assigned for that purpose.

The following is an excerpt from the report made by Mr. Chaffin of the site:

"In the center of this room there is a modern vault of 880 square feet of space. The vault is divided into three or four large compartments independent of each other. Each of these can be locked and sealed, and each contains two smaller compartments. The main door of the vault is 26" thick, with quadruple time locks, and an emergency door in the rear of the vault.

"At present two of the larger compartments are used for storage of old sub-treasury records and paraphernalia discarded at the time the sub-treasuries were abolished. The other large

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compartment, we were informed, is used by the Internal Revenue Department for storage of blanks and records. The compartments used for storage of sub-treasury records are only partially filled, which, if consolidated, would release at least one large or two small compartments, which is ample space to store the silver dollars now held in the Mint vault.

"The Assistant Collector of Customs and the Assistant Custodian raised no objection to assigning this vault to the Assayer in Charge for the storage of 6,678,500 silver dollars now held in the Mint vault, and after our examination, the Assistant Custodian said he saw no reason why the space surrounding this vault, which is now used only for storage of blanks, files and supplies belonging to the Internal Revenue and Prohibition Departments, should not be used for the Assay Office, and the supplies and records now stored there removed to some other room, probably on the fourth floor.

"The Assayer in Charge, the Coordinator and I agreed that the Custom House is the most suitable location for the Assay Office, and that this space should be assigned for that purpose, because:

(1) It is centrally located.
(2) It is in a building under government control and protection.

"The cost of opening of the door which is now bricked or cemented up, would probably be the greatest cost. The room proper is now in fair condition and would not require extensive alterations or repairs.

"I therefore do not hesitate to say that considering location, protection, availability for installation of the Assay Office machinery, proximity to the vault, and saving of rent for outside property, this site is far better than any privately owned property shown to, or inspected by us, and I would recommend that privately owned properties be not considered, and that the room in the Custom House be assigned for the Assay Office."

Should you decide to surrender the building to the Department of Justice, I recommend that the space in the Custom House be assigned to this Bureau for use as an Assay Office.

Bids would be obtained by the Assayer in Charge for the cost of moving machinery, equipment, etc. This cost would be a charge against the appropriation of the Mint Service. As to the cost of moving the silver dollars, the Assayer in Charge would be required to obtain competative bids to be submitted to your office before undertaking the removal of the same from the Mint building to the Custom House.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1930.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have a letter dated December 4, 1930, from Honorable Ruy T. Fitzgerald, M. C., concerning H. R. 14271, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and manufacture a medal in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., and of the establishment of the independence of the United States.

I take pleasure in stating that this Department will interpose no objection to the enactment of this legislation. The facilities of the Mint Service will be placed at the disposal of the United States Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission in the manufacture of the medals.

I submit for the consideration of your Committee the suggestion that the bill be amended to the extent of indicating the maximum number of medals to be made, and the metal out of which they are to be manufactured. It is understood, however, that these medals are to be made of silver. I am, therefore, submitting a statement covering an estimate of the cost of preparing the medals at the Mint:

Dies to be manufactured from plaster models to be supplied to the Mint by the association bringing about the legislation - - - - $200.00

Cost of manufacturing the medals, to be about the size of the 50¢ piece and in octagonal shape, (including the metal) approximately - 0.25 each.

I also call your attention to the erroneous word on page 2, line 6. It is obvious that the word "models" should be changed to "medals."

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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December 10, 1930.

My dear Congressman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 4th.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter today addressed to the Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, in accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter.

May I repeat that the Department will be very glad to cooperate with you in the preparation of this medal should Congress authorize the same.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Roy G. Fitzgerald, M. C.,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

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December 16, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,534,877,430
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	311,500,387
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,782,405
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,513,119,742

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1930.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 12th, addressed to the Director of the Mint, recommending Mr. William A. Ashbrook as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in February, 1931.

I have taken pleasure in causing the name of Mr. Ashbrook to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are submitted to the President in January.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Simeon D. Fess,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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December 17, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Personnel Classification Board has reallocated Honorable Robert J. Grant, Director of the Mint, from CAF-14-1, at $7,000, to CAF-15-1, at $8,000 per annum.

This report is submitted with the request for your approval of the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Chief, Div. of Bookkeeping & Warrants),
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Under date of December 15, 1930, the Personnel Classification Board transferred the position of Director of the Mint from CAF-14, at $7,000, to CAF-15, at $8,000. This will result in a deficit in the appropriation of this Bureau for the fiscal year 1931, and will require a supplemental appropriation of a $1,000 for the fiscal year 1932.

The Act of May 15, 1930, making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, provides as follows:

> "When specifically approved by the Secretary of the Treasury transfers may be made between the appropriations or allocations of appropriations in this title under the respective jurisdiction of any bureau, office, institution, or service, in order to meet increases in compensation resulting from the reallocation by the Personnel Classification Board of positions under any such organization unit."

Under the authority cited, I have the honor to request that a transfer of $584 be made from the appropriation for the support of the field offices of the Mint Service to the Office of the Director of the Mint to care for the deficiency created by the reallocation of the Director's position.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to request that the amounts indicated below, representing unobligated balances, standing to the checking credit of C. L. Longley, Deceased, former Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, under disbursement symbol No. 15098, be covered into the Treasury and that this office be advised as to the document number and date covering the transaction:

Repayment to appropriations from which advanced -

Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931 - 21510 - $391.08

Transportation of Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931 - 21503 - - - - - - - - - - - - - $17.76

General Fund Revenue - Miscellaneous Receipts -

Gain on bullion shipments to Government refineries - 6334 - $67.14

Value of bullion recovered incident to receipt of deposits - 6338 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $25.67

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 1, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Pursuant to Section 522, Title IV, of the Tariff Act of 1930, reenacting Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of foreign monetary units.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 1, 1931.

Pursuant to Section 522, Title IV, of the Tariff Act of 1930, reenacting Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended, the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of foreign monetary units are hereby proclaimed to be the values of such units in terms of the money of account of the United States that are to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning January 1, 1931, expressed in any such foreign monetary units: Provided, however, That if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined and certified by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of Section 522, Title IV, of the Tariff Act of 1930.

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Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 29, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 23, 1930, relative to the preparation and sale by the Mint of dies in miniature of Navy Medals, with the exception of the Medal of Honor.

I shall take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the dies in miniature to be made at the Philadelphia Mint.

May I suggest, however, that this Department would prefer to limit the authority of the Superintendent of the Mint to the preparation of the dies, and that the dies be sold by him only to firms named by your Department. The Mint officials would not be in position to discriminate between firms making application for dies, and would not be able to see that the miniature medals made from such dies would be sold only to those procuring proper evidence that they were entitled to them.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 29, 1930.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 23, 1930, enclosing a copy of a note of December 18, 1930, from the Chinese Minister, with regard to the desire of the Chinese Government to send experts to this country for the purpose of inspecting the Mint at Philadelphia.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to place at the disposal of the Chinese Government representatives every facility for viewing the operations of the Mint to the extent of their desire.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 5, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,553,404,411
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,959,520
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	311,584,937
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,901,589
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,531,850,457

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

For R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your reference of letter dated December 18, 1930, from the United States Civil Service Commission, relative to the designation of veterans eligible for appointment in the Civil Service.

It is the general practice in the Mint Service to give the required preference to veterans in making appointments; however, should a vacancy in a technical position occur where an experienced operator, skilled in the work of the Mint Service or in work similar to that performed in the Mint Service, was available for appointment in competition with a veteran without experience, the recommendation might be made in such instance for the appointment of the experienced person. These cases would probably be very unusual.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended December 31, 1930, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the year ended December 31, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1931.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby certify that the following property is on hand in this Bureau and is not required for the efficient operation of its activities:

1 dental cabinet - room 468

1 set hand rolls - room 468

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1931.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the circular letter of December 15, 1930, from the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to collections for the Community Chest, I beg to state that Mr. Alvin C. Walters, Room 180½, has been designated to act as keyman of the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1931.

Honorable George P. Darrow, M. C.,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Darrow:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 30th, recommending Dr. Walter Taggart for appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in February.

I have taken pleasure in causing Dr. Taggart's name to be placed on the list to be submitted to the President for appointment to this Commission.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 10, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Norris R. Warren, Assistant Melter, United States Assay Office, Seattle, at $1,680 per annum, be promoted to the position of Melter, at $1,980 per annum, effective January 16, 1931, vice Mr. John A. Morris, retired.

Mr. Warren has been the Assistant Melter for the past five years and is fully competent to properly discharge the duties of Melter. The Assayer in Charge at Seattle concurs in this recommendation.

This promotion will not increase the expenditures of the Assay Office at Seattle beyond their present limit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1931.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 7th, enclosing a copy of H. R. 15610, a bill to authorize the coinage of silver fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Los Angeles, State of California.

The Treasury Department feels that the established policy of disapproving the issue of special coins should be adhered to in the case of the proposed coin under review.

In the opinion of this Department the same objections lie against this bill as those which were brought forth in regard to the bill for the Gadsden Purchase coin, which was vetoed by the President on April 21, 1930. The Department would not be in position, in view of the veto already exercised, to acquiesce in this proposed legislation.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the President's veto message.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins, M. C.,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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January 12, 1951.

Honorable Robert J. Bulkley,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 8th, recommending Mr. George L. Crawford for appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in February.

I have taken pleasure in causing the name of Mr. Crawford to be placed on the list for consideration when the names are assembled for submission to the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 13, 1931.

Honorable Charles A. Mooney, M. C.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Mooney:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12th, recommending Mr. George L. Crawford as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in February, 1931.

I have taken pleasure in causing the name of Mr. Crawford to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are submitted to the President this month.

Very truly yours,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 13, 1931.

Honorable Benj. M. Golder, M. C.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Golder:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10th, recommending Mr. William S. Walkes as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in February, 1931.

I have taken pleasure in causing the name of Mr. Walkes to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are submitted to the President this month.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 21, 1931.

My dear Senator:

In response to your telephone request of this morning, I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, relative to a proposed fifty-cent piece in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Los Angeles.

The copy of the veto message relating to the coinage of silver fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Gadsden Purchase is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Samuel M. Shortridge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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January 24, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1930, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,553,381,799
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	311,706,593
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,901,557
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,531,948,828

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of November 18, 1930, relative to the transfer of the Assay Offices at Carson City, Nevada; Helena, Montana; Boise, Idaho, and Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Department of Commerce for the purposes of the Bureau of Mines.

Delay in replying to your letter has been incident to uncertainty in regard to appropriations for the maintenance of the offices named. The recent conference report of the Appropriations Committee now indicates that Congress will provide funds for the continuance by this Department of the Assay Offices at the stations enumerated. It will, therefore, be impracticable for us to negotiate at this time for the transfer of the buildings to the Department of Commerce.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Mr. F. S. Holbrook,
Co-Chief, Division of Weights and Measures,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holbrook:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $6.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Ogden

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Honorable J. W. Pole,
Comptroller of the Currency.

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1930, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock, Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Comptroller of the Currency, are an ex-officio member of the Commission.

The sessions of the Commission last two or three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931.

Will you please notify the Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Doctor Walter T. Taggart,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Doctor Taggart:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

As you are aware, the sessions of the Commission last about three days. Your subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Mr. William S. Walkes,
1620 French Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Walkes:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

As you are aware, the sessions of the Commission last about three days. Your subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Mr. Thomas A. Wright,
1161 Stillman Avenue,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Wright:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Honorable J. Whitaker Thompson,
Judge of the United States District Court,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1930, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February 11, 1931, at ten o'clock.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, are an ex-officio member of the Commission. No compensation is allowed for service on the Commission.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

for Heller

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 28, 1931.

Doctor A. R. Johnston,

Reevesville, S. C.

Dear Doctor Johnston:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1931.

Mr. W. A. Ashbrook,

Johnstown, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Ashbrook:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 11, 1931.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1931, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 29, 1931.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 28th, enclosing a copy of S. 5888, a bill to authorize the coinage of silver fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Los Angeles, State of California.

The Treasury Department feels that the established policy of disapproving the issue of special coins should be adhered to in the case of the proposed coin under review.

In the opinion of this Department the same objections lie against this bill as those which were brought forth in regard to the bill for the Cadsien Purchase coin, which was vetoed by the President on April 21, 1930. The Department would not be in position, in view of the veto already exercised, to acquiesce in this proposed legislation.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the President's veto message.

A similar letter on this bill has been addressed to the Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

Very truly yours,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Peter Norbeck,
Chairman, Committee on Banking
and Currency,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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February 5, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold	1,589,986,457
Silver dollars	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver	311,742,091
Minor	126,824,916
Total	2,568,512,343

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended January 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1931.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This Department is in receipt of your letter of February 10th requesting a report on H. R. 16973, a bill to authorize a change in the design of the quarter dollar to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

I take pleasure in stating that this Department would interpose no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

Very truly yours,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins, M. C.,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Annual Assay Commission which met in the Mint at Philadelphia on February 11, 1931, has concluded its work, and reports that all coins reserved by the respective Mints have been found upon examination to be within the requirements of law as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to my communication dated January 29, 1931, advising of transmittal of a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint for distribution to the representatives of the United States in foreign countries, I have the honor to enclose herewith an additional set of such interrogatories for consideration of the United States representatives accredited to the Government of Southwest Africa.

Respectfully,

Ogden

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 12, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to Treasury Department communication dated December 27, 1930, concerning suggestions for improving the replies to interrogatories issued by the Director of the Mint and annually forwarded through the State Department to representatives of the United States in foreign countries. In conformity with informal agreement subsequently reached, that where information is either lacking, incomplete, or differs from data secured from other sources, the pertinent interrogatories that reached the Director of the Mint during 1930 (for the years 1929 or 1928) be returned, I have the honor to forward herewith either the received interrogatories with the accompanying answers, photostatic copies of portions thereof, or, where no data were supplied, parts of the printed interrogatory form, with request that the State Department return same to the appropriate foreign office for further consideration.

In addition to the above, a memorandum is enclosed pertaining to those instances in which much delay has been experienced in receiving replies to the interrogatories.

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The references to sources where data, not supplied in the interrogatory replies, have been found are given as illustrative of the type of sources which should be exhausted by the man in the field in an effort to obtain the material, and are not intended to be complete since the Mint is not in position to make such a check against outside sources.

Although unanswered questions may have been intended in some cases to indicate that the information is not available, they are returned in the hope that further search may reveal some or all the data, or if not, that such fact will be definitely stated.

The enclosures to be forwarded pertain to the following countries:

North America

Costa Rica
Cuba
Mexico
Salvador

South America

Bolivia
Colombia
Ecuador

Europe

Albania
Austria
Denmark
Italy
Portugal
Sweden
Switzerland

Asia

British India

Africa

Algeria
Eritrea
French Somaliland
Northern Rhodesia
Nyasaland
Swaziland

Oceania

Australia
New Zealand

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 24, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,589,860,741
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	311,722,320
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,809,869
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,568,351,809

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1931.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 3d, please be advised that the Mint Service does not purchase trucks, automobiles or motor cycles.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,600,758,757
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	310,702,706
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,792,733
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,578,213,075

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1931.

Honorable Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 27th, enclosing a letter from the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, in regard to his classification.

As you are aware, the Personnel Classification Board has submitted to Congress schedules of proposed revised classifications for field services. Whether legislation will be enacted as recommended is for the Congress to determine. Under the rates recommended, however, if enacted into law, it would be possible to increase Mr. Hatheway's compensation up to $4,100.

This Department would be glad to avail itself of the opportunity to promote Mr. Hatheway as rapidly as possible in the event that Congress adopts a field classification, and sufficient appropriations are provided when the time comes to put such field classification into effect.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 4, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a blank form of bond in the sum of $20,000 be prepared for execution by Elias Marsters as Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Mr. Marsters' appointment was confirmed by the Senate on March 2, 1931.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended February 28, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 5th, (FE-893.515/197), enclosing a note dated February 27, 1931, from the Chinese Minister expressing the desire of the Chinese Government to have made at the Philadelphia Mint master dies, lettering hubs and working dies for eight denominations of Chinese coins.

In reply I take pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia can manufacture these dies and hubs at the following rates:

Master dies with hubs for 8 denominations (3 silver, 2 nickel, 3 bronze), with 3 engraved hubs for inscriptions on edge of coins, for a total sum of	$2,550.00
Segment for placing inscriptions on edge of coins . .	20.00
" " upsetting planchets	8.00
Working dies, the number desired not yet having been determined, per pair	10.00

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 16, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,600,663,218
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	310,710,886
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,788,879
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,578,121,862

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Comptroller General
of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Under the Act of March 4, 1931, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to change the design of the present quarter dollar, and the new coins are to be issued beginning in 1932 in connection with the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington. That Act reads as follows:

> "That notwithstanding the provisions and limitations of section 3510 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, for the purpose of commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to change the design of the 25-cent piece so that the portrait of George Washington shall appear on the obverse, with appropriate devices on the reverse, of said piece. The new coins shall be issued for general circulation beginning in 1932, the year of the said bicentennial anniversary."

This change will require the preparation of models of new designs for the quarter dollar and this work must be undertaken immediately in order to have the coins ready for the opening of the bicentennial celebration.

The designs of the current gold, silver and minor coins were executed by sculptors outside of the Mint Service, and payment was made in each case from the contingent fund of the Mint at Philadelphia, in accordance with Section 3510 of the Revised Statutes, which reads in part as follows:

> "Sec. 3510. *****The Director of the Mint shall have power, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause new designs or models of authorized emblems or devices to be prepared and adopted in the same manner as when new coins or devices are authorized. *****But

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the Director of the Mint shall nevertheless have power, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to engage temporarily for this purpose the services of one or more artists, distinguished in their respective departments of art, who shall be paid for such service from the contingent appropriation for the mint at Philadelphia."

The contingent expenses of the Mint at Philadelphia are now paid from a lump sum, the appropriation being designated "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices." All contingent expenses heretofore paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia" are now paid from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices."

As the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices" includes all that was inherent in the appropriation formerly designated "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia", this Department is of the opinion that the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices" would be available for the payment of the cost of procuring designs for the new quarter dollar from outside sculptors. However, before inviting outside sculptors to submit designs for the new quarter dollar, I should like to have your advice as to whether you concur in this view.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

March 21, 1931.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 16th, enclosing a copy of a letter dated March 11, 1931, from Senator Reed, forwarding letter from Mr. Howard McClenahan, Secretary and Director of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, relative to having exhibits lent to the Franklin Institute.

I regret that there is nothing in the Mint at Philadelphia which could properly be taken from the permanent exhibit in the Mint for the purposes indicated in the letter of Mr. McClenahan.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to forward the application of Mr. Addison A. Hassan for retirement from the service. Mr. Hassan's period of retirement will date from May 1st.

In forwarding this application I desire to place on record in this Department a letter of appreciation of the loyal services of Mr. Hassan during a period of 58 years. He has been a member of the staff of this office since the organization of the Bureau in 1873. During this period of 58 years he has rendered faithful and competent service. He retires from this Bureau with the good will and good wishes of every officer and employee of the Mint Service.

I forward his application for retirement with my own regret and that of each member of the staff of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1931.

Honorable Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of March 21st, enclosing a letter received by you from Mr. Thomas G. Hatheway, Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, relative to the proposed classification of his position.

Mr. Hatheway's letter appears to bear particularly on the fact that he is dissatisfied with the grade to which his position has been assigned by the Personnel Classification Board in the proposed reclassification submitted to Congress during the last session and not yet considered by Congress.

As you are aware, the Department has no way at this time of recommending or requesting changes in the proposed classifications as they appear in the report of the Classification Board to Congress. Should opportunity present itself when the report of the Classification Board is under consideration by Congress, this Department will be glad to recommend consideration of a change of allocation for the position of Assayer in Charge at Seattle.

Very truly yours,

Symon Lowman

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 28, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 25th, enclosing a copy of a note from the Chinese Minister accepting the terms made for the preparation of dies for his government in the Mint at Philadelphia.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the dies to be prepared as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 2, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,614,805,111
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	309,845,955
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,813,510
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,591,423,455

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended March 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of February 18, 1931, reference WE:811.515/610, transmitting form of questionnaire relating to the coinage and currency of the United States, for the supplying of information desired by the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal British Mint, I have the honor to return herewith such questionnaire with the requested data.

The supplying of the information has been somewhat delayed, as part of the data were not available at the time the request was received.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

April 10, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a blank form of bond, in the sum of $5,000.00, be prepared for Mr. Norris R. Warren, Melter, United States Assay Office, Seattle.

Mr. Warren's existing bond is in penalty of $3,000.00, and the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Seattle desires to have the penalty of this employee's bond increased to $5,000.00. Mr. Warren was made Melter on January 16, 1931.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 8th, requesting the preparation of twenty-seven gold life-saving medals with cases and riders.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause these medals to be prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 15, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, a photograph of the obverse and sketch of the reverse of designs for the "Conquest of Yellow Fever Medal", designed by Mr. Thomas Hudson Jones, New York City.

The designs, as to their artistic merits, have the approval of the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved: April 15, 1931.

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 17, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,614,797,845
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	309,882,403
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,813,354
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	$2,591,452,481

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F/w

April 17, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your letter of April 15th, transmitting a request from the American Legation at Lisbon on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I have the honor to enclose seven copies of the interrogatories asked for.

This Department will appreciate your courtesy in forwarding the blanks to the American Legation at Lisbon.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 28, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Act of February 28, 1929, to recognize the high public service rendered by Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever, directs the Secretary of the Treasury to present a gold medal to each person named in this Act as shall be living, and posthumously to such representatives of each of such persons as shall have died. These medals are now being prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia and will be ready within a few weeks.

I have the honor to request that this Department be advised as to the addresses of the individuals to receive such medals.

The bill provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall prepare and present the medals, but I shall appreciate receiving from you any suggestion you may see fit to make relative to the procedure to be followed in presenting the medals.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 30, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Section of Printing and Binding,
Division of Supply, Treasury Department)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The printing of a new form for "Inventory of Cash Assets", in three sheets, Nos. 1068, 1068A, and 1068B, is requested for the following reasons: The usual certificate of count of cash, as required on the reverse of the monthly accounts current rendered to the General Accounting Office, cannot be made with respect to the count of bullion and other cash assets of the Mints and Assay Offices, and the Comptroller General has therefore required from the Mint Service a copy of the detailed inventory of cash assets made at such institutions when the usual "settlements" are made. In order that these inventories may be on a uniform basis, and that several copies of each may be provided for meeting the requirements of the various offices, these forms have been drafted and will be found very useful in service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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April 30, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning the questionnaire left at this office today by a representative of the Bureau of Efficiency.

No charges are made for copies of records or papers when requested for private use. Copies of records of deposits and transactions of individuals with the Mints are not given to the public without authority from the Secretary of the Treasury. No charges are collected by the Mint Service for any correspondence with the public.

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of February 17th, bids were obtained for transferring the silver dollars now stored in the Mint building at New Orleans to the vault in the Customhouse building.

The O. K. Storage and Transfer Company have made a bid of .05½¢ per thousand dollars for the transfer of the $6,878,500. As this is the lowest of four bids received, it is recommended that this bid be accepted. It is also recommended that a bond in the sum of $2,000. be required of the O. K. Storage and Transfer Company to insure the performance of this contract. It is further recommended that DeLancy, Kipp & Swan, Inc., 2 Wall Street, New York, who have the Treasury Department insurance contract be requested to permit a rider to be attached to that contract to cover this shipment.

It is understood that approximately $200,000 would be moved in each load.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.
OR

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May 4, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,623,565,786
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	309,101,467
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,837,794
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,599,463,926

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended April 30, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1931.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to communication of the Department of State, FA - 102.14/410, dated May 2, 1931, transmitting a despatch from the American Minister at Quito, Ecuador, in which it is stated that no data concerning the production of gold and silver in Ecuador are available from the Ecuadoran Direction of Mines, but quoting Ecuadoran exports of gold and silver for the years 1929 and 1930, made available by the American Consulate General at Guayaquil in its Review of Commerce and Industries of Ecuador.

The Director of the Mint is glad to have the information made available by the Consulate General at Guayaquil, and it is requested that in preparation of replies to future Mint Interrogatories, data from the above mentioned source be included if complete information is not available from other sources. In this connection reference is made to the usual letter transmitting interrogatories, naming various possible sources of information for the convenience of United States representatives in foreign countries and suggesting that where information is not available from one source it may possibly be procured from another.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 11, 1931.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of May 6th, I beg to state that it is estimated that $300.00 will be required to cover the miscellaneous items which are likely to be needed by this Bureau during the fiscal year 1932.

These miscellaneous items would include repairs to furniture, carpet strips, etc. It is not expected that we will require labor saving devices or furniture or typewriters.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,623,350,212
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	309,047,830
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,822,415
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,599,179,336

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th, submitting a note from the Peruvian Ambassador under date of May 4th in regard to certain matrixes and punches, the property of the Peruvian Government, now in the custody of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Mint has the master die and hub of the obverse and reverse of the silver soles ordered in 1923. The Mint is also holding eight obverse and three reverse working dies.

Will you please advise this Department whether it is desired that the working dies be shipped to the National Mint at Lima, or whether they should be destroyed at the Philadelphia Mint. The packing of the master die and hubs will be deferred until this Department is advised that we should include the working dies.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 20, 1931

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have received your letters of April 22d and May 9, 1931, transmitting a translation of an aide-mémoire from the Panamanian Legation dated April 8, 1931, setting forth the desire of the Government of Panama to have coined at the Philadelphia Mint pieces of the denomination of one balboa to the total amount of 200,000 balboas or dollars.

It is understood that the existing monetary agreement of June 20, 1904, between the United States and the Republic of Panama, as modified on March 26th and April 2, 1930, covering the issue of fractional coins by Panama but not providing for the coinage of silver balboas, will be further amended to include the coinage of 200,000 silver balboas. The Treasury has no objection to the agreement being amended in this way and assumes that it will be done by the usual exchange of notes between the Secretary of State and the Minister of Panama, as on previous occasions.

The cost of the coinage of 200,000 balboas will be at the rate of $11 per thousand pieces. This coinage, using the dollar as a basis of calculation, will require 154,687.50 fine ounces of silver.

This cost includes working dies and copper for alloy and is based on a comparatively small number of pieces. The cost of containers for shipment will be in addition to the coinage cost.

The Mint at Philadelphia has no dies which can be used for coining the balboa but, if the models used for the coinage of the smaller pieces of Panamanian currency can be utilized by making a change in lettering and figures, the master dies can be made for $200 per pair.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 22, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 21st, (LA 815.515/29), enclosing a copy and translation of a note, dated May 11, 1931, from the Honduran Charge d'Affaires ad interim, requesting that certain coinage be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia for the Government of Honduras.

This coinage can be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia under the following terms:

SILVER COINAGE

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Composition	Cost per 1,000 pieces
550,000	1 Lempira	900 fine silver	$7.50
500,000	50 Centavos	" " "	6.50
1,000,000	20 "	" " "	4.50

The above prices include the copper for alloy, and working dies.

The cost of master dies to be made from sketches furnished will be $300 per pair for each denomination. The cost of containers for shipment will also be in addition to coinage cost.

Metal Required

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Fine Ounces Silver
550,000	1 Lempira	198,928.125
500,000	50 Centavos	90,421.875
1,000,000	20 "	72,337.500
		361,687.500

It is understood that the silver required in this coinage will be furnished in the shape of 500,000 silver pesos 900 fine, of older design. In order to determine the fineness of these coins, it will be necessary to melt and assay them before casting into ingots. There will be a charge for this work of $1.00 for

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the first 1,000 ounces, and $0.10 additional for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof in excess of 1,000 ounces. It is assumed that these coins are abraded and there will be some loss in melting. To offset this difference in weight, new silver should be furnished by the Government of Honduras to make the weight of the new coins.

MINOR COINAGE

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Composition	Price per 1,000 pieces
2,000,000	5 Centavos	75% copper, 25% nickel	$3.50

Metal Required

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Avoirdupois Pounds	
		Copper	Nickel
2,000,000	5 Centavos	16,534.29	5,511.43

The copper and nickel required in this coinage can be furnished by the Government of Honduras, but can, if desired, be furnished by the Mint on the basis of last prices paid for metals purchased on competitive bids. These prices are f.o.b. Mint, and would vary slightly from market prices.

The National City Bank of New York has sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, through this Department, sketches of designs for the dies. The Engraver has examined the sketches from which the dies are to be prepared, and he suggests that all the lettering be uniform in design, rather than the several styles used in the sketches. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to forward to this Department, for submission to the Honduran Minister, through your Department, sketches, for approval, of the designs before the dies are made.

It will require at least four weeks from the date of approval to prepare the hubs, master and working dies. The National City Bank of New York has already delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia the silver referred to in your letter. It is understood that the National City Bank of New York will act as agent to receive and make payment for these coins when finished.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 25, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 22d, enclosing a copy of a note from the Cuban Embassy inquiring as to whether or not there is any objection to the sending of two officials of the Cuban Government, at the expense of that Government, to be present and observe the counting and verification of $555,000 which the Cuban Government is to receive, in exchange, from the United States Mint at Philadelphia in accordance with an arrangement made by the Cuban Government with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia.

I take pleasure in stating that this Department will interpose no objection to the sending of the two Cuban officials to the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose indicated.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 2, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has reported the receipt of 16 cases understood to contain United States coins, shipped to the Mint by the Government of Panama.

Will you please instruct this office as to what disposition is to be made of these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,667,995,194
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	309,109,179
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,850,160
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,643,913,412

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 8, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Chief, Div. of Bookkeeping & Warrants),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This letter will advise you that the O. K. Storage and Transfer Company finished the moving of the 6,878,500 standard silver dollars from the vault of the United States Mint at New Orleans to the Customhouse on June 4, 1931.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received this date from the Minister of Panama, relative to proposed coinage for the Panamanian Government. In this letter the Minister refers to data furnished the Legation by the State Department to the effect that the proposed coinage would require 154,687.50 fine ounces of silver, and this is in accordance with the letter of this Department addressed to you under date of May 20, 1931.

Since this letter was addressed to you the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has received from Panama sixteen cases understood to contain Panamanian coin. The Superintendent has been instructed to hold this consignment of coin undisturbed until further instructions.

If the silver contained in this Panamanian coin is to be applied to the coinage of the 200,000 Balboas requested, the amount of new silver required will be less than that stated in our letter of May 20th, and the exact amount cannot be determined until after the Panamanian coinage now in the Mint is melted and the exact content of silver determined.

It is understood by this Department that no action will be taken on this proposed coinage until we are instructed by your Department.

Respectfully,

Arthur A. Ballantine

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 15, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,667,898,887
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	309,013,413
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,848,777
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,643,719,956

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

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June 15, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 15th, enclosing a note dated June 8, 1931, from the Honduran Charge d'Affaires ad interim, relative to the execution of coinage for the Government of Honduras at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The Director of the Mint has been asked to instruct the engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia to prepare sketches of dies embodying the change in lettering, which will be submitted to your Department for approval. After the approval of the designs, the preparation of the master dies will require about three weeks. The coinage will require but a few days after the dies have been completed.

It is understood that the National City Bank of New York is the agent named by the representative of the Government of Honduras to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint.

In response to your request, the Director of the Mint has been instructed to expedite the execution of this coinage for the Government of Honduras.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 18, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended May 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 18th, enclosing a communication received from the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, requesting the manufacture of certain coinage dies at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The Director of the Mint has been instructed to cause the dies desired by the Chinese Government to be prepared as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

For Assistant

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 20, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 18, 1931, "FA 811.515/633", enclosing a note from the Ambassador of Japan at Washington, in which he requests, on behalf of the Department of Finance, Japan, certain information in regard to the coinage executed in the United States during the calendar years 1929 and 1930.

I take pleasure in enclosing two questionnaire forms containing answers to the inquiries of the Department of Finance of Japan.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 23, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 20th relative to coinage for the Government of Panama.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to proceed with the preparation of the coinage of the 200,000 silver one Balboa pieces. The Superintendent has this day been directed to purchase the necessary silver for account of the Panamanian Government, in accordance with the request of the Minister.

It is understood that the model of the design for this coin will be delivered to the Mint within a short time, and that the Mint is to make the master die, the cost of which will be $200.

In accordance with verbal communication received by the Mint Bureau from the Secretary of the Panamanian Legation, it is understood that the 16,000 old Panamanian coins of the nominal value of one Balboa each are to be coined into pieces of one-fourth and one-tenth of a Balboa, 10,000 in the one-tenth Balboa, and 6,000 in the one-fourth Balboa, as far as the quantity of silver contained in the 16,000 old coins will permit, and that additional silver will be purchased by the Mint for the Panamanian Government as required for this coinage. The charge imposed for melting these Panamanian coins will be at the rate of $1.00 per thousand ounces, and the cost of manufacturing the coins will be at the rates charged for similar coinage executed in 1930, $4.50 per thousand for the one-fourth Balboa, and $3.00 per thousand for the one-tenth Balboa. It is understood that the master dies for the one-fourth Balboa and one-tenth Balboa are on hand at the Mint in Philadelphia. The cost of working dies for these denominations is included in the coinage charges.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 26, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Mr. Erastus R. Massey, Washington, D. C., to the position of private secretary to the Director of the Mint, CAF-5-1, at $2,000 per annum, this position having been made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Alvin C. Walters.

It is requested that the appointment be made effective July 1, 1931. The position is an excepted one.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended June 30, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P.C.B. Circular No. 8, I have to report the following change in the personnel of this Bureau:-

Alvin C. Walters, Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, at $2,000 per annum, (CAF 5-1), resigned June 30, 1931.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit sketches showing the revisions suggested for the coinage dies for the Government of Honduras, in accordance with our letter of June 15, 1931.

Obv. (a) The numerals indicating the fineness made to conform in style to the words UN LEMPIRA.

(b) Substituting a standard beading around the border, instead of the special one shown in the designs sent to us, which would require being made on the sculptured model and require much more time, each one being formed by hand instead of by means of special tools which we have for this purpose and formed by machine.

Rev. (a) The numerals of date made to conform in style to the letters REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS.

(b) The sledges and drills used as supports to the seal in the traditional manner, allowing the landscape to pass behind them as it should, instead of being mixed up with it, confusing the whole effect.

(c) Cornucopias slightly revised to bring them somewhat nearer to the traditional treatment.

Will you please advise this Department as soon as a decision has been reached by the Minister of Honduras in regard to the changes proposed in the coinage dies to be prepared at the mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

J. Forman

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 3, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 29th, relative to coinage executed for the Government of Panama.

The following is a list of the coins executed for that Country during the calendar year 1930:

1/2	Balboa,	300,000 pieces
1/4	Balboa,	400,000 pieces
1/10	Balboa,	500,000 pieces

In addition to this number, 60 pieces, or 20 of each denomination, were made for the Minister.

As soon as the coinage now being prepared is executed, a report will be made to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 7, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,696,625,877
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,958,879
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	308,458,328
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,873,297
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,671,916,361

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

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July 14, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13th, relative to coinage to be executed for the Government of Honduras at the Philadelphia Mint, and enclosing two sketches showing the revisions suggested for the coins in question.

The Director of the Mint has today been requested to instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to proceed immediately with the preparation of the dies for this coinage. The Superintendent has also been directed to forward to this Department the specimen strikes of the coins, which will be submitted to your Department for the consideration of the Minister of Honduras.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 18, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, DC.

Sir:

The estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1931, is given below, subject to revision:

Gold	-	$1,698,453,849
Silver Dollars	-	539,958,327
Subsidiary Silver	-	308,619,365
Minor	- -	126,887,033
Total	-	2,673,898,574

Respectfully,

R J Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Under date of June 23, 1931, this Department addressed a letter to you relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Panama. The letter referred to a verbal communication received by the Bureau of the Mint from the Secretary of the Panamanian Legation, in which it was understood that 16,000 old Panamanian coins of the nominal value of one Balboa each were to be coined into pieces of one-fourth and one-tenth of a Balboa, 10,000 into the one-tenth Balboa and 6,000 into the one-fourth Balboa, as far as the quantity of silver contained in the 16,000 gold coins would permit.

Under date of July 30th, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that he has opened the sixteen cases of old Panamanian coins and has found each to contain two bags of coins. He states that the contents of these cases have been weighed, melted and assayed with the following results:

Before Melting Troy Ounces	After Melting Troy Ounces	Fineness	Silver Fine Ounces
25,503.00 ———	(25,357.20	899-1/2	22,808.80
	(121.45	899	109.18
			22,917.98

It is understood that the Government of Panama desires 10,000 Balboas in one-tenth Balboa pieces and 6,000 Balboas in one-fourth Balboa pieces coined from the above silver, which will require:

	Fine Ounces Silver
100,000 - one-tenth Balboa pieces	7,233.75
24,000 - one-fourth Balboa pieces	4,340.25
Total	11,574.00

Silver content of old coins	22,917.98	fine oz.
Silver required for subsidiary coinage above	11,574.00	" "
Leaving a balance of.....	11,343.98	" "

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The silver resulting from the melting of the old Panamanian coins, less the amount required for the order placed, is 11,743.98 fine ounces, or 230.02 fine ounces less than would be required to make an additional 16,000 Balboas of subsidiary coins, or double the respective pieces of the original order.

Will you please advise this Department if it is likely that the Government of Panama will want this balance of silver coined into subsidiary silver coins?

Respectfully,

S. Bowman

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P.C.B. Circular No. 8, I have to report the following change in the personnel of this Bureau:-

Erastus R. Massey, Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, at $2,000 per annum, (CAF 5-1), appointed July 1, 1931, in place of Alvin C. Walters, resigned.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended July 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,676,961,005
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,956,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	308,620,932
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,887,033
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,652,427,297

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,676,923,723
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,633,851
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,864,251
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,652,380,152

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1931.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Treasury Building.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that leave of absence, for a period of 60 days without pay from August 8th, be granted William J. Hodnett, employee of the United States Mint at San Francisco. Mr. Hodnett was injured on January 16, 1931. His annual and sick leave, and his extension of 60 days leave of absence without pay, granted under date of July 21st, have expired. This office concurs in the recommendation of the Superintendent that this further extension of 60 days without pay be granted to Mr. Hodnett.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1931.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has advised this Department, under date of August 24, 1931, that he has received from Honorable Hermodio Arias, Minister of Panama, a request for twenty sample pieces of the un balboa coin to be used as souvenirs, these sample pieces to be sand-blasted, oxidized and lacquered.

I have the honor to request that this Department be advised as to whether or not this is an additional order, or whether the Mint at Philadelphia is to take twenty pieces from the order for the 200,000 pieces now ready for delivery. The estimate of the amount of silver required in this coinage was based on 200,000 pieces.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 25, 1931.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of August 21, 1931, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia was authorized to purchase, for account of the Government of Panama, 230.02 ounces of silver to complete the coinage of 200,000 one-tenth balboa and 48,000 one-quarter balboa pieces. The Superintendent has received a proposal from Handy and Harman, 57 William Street, New York, to deliver 230.02 ounces of silver at $0.28¼ per fine ounce, total $64.98, prompt payment in New York.

I have the honor to request that the Minister of Panama be asked to arrange payment to Handy and Harman of $64.98, with instructions to ship the silver to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Will you please obtain instructions from the Minister of Panama as to the marks to be placed on shipping boxes.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 26, 1931.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a voucher in the amount of $3,457.50 covering charges for the melting of uncurrent coin, cost of master dies for the un balboa, cost of shipping boxes, and coinage charges in connection with the coinage executed at the Mint of the United States in Philadelphia for the Government of Panama.

It is requested that this account be forwarded to the Minister of Panama for payment in order that shipment may be made at an early date.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 29, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The revised final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,698,433,690
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,619,365
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,887,033
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,673,898,415

Respectfully,

M. H. O'Reed,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1931.

Honorable Roscoe C. Patterson,
1007 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Senator Patterson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 25, 1931, recommending Mr. Charles S. Curtis of Kansas City, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in Philadelphia in February, 1932.

I have taken pleasure in causing the name of Mr. Curtis to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are submitted to the President some time in January, 1932.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of August 10th, you are informed that there are no employees in the Bureau of the Mint requiring identification cards entitling them to the use of space for parking while on Government business.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 20th, requesting that certain coinage dies, the property of the Government of Peru, now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, be forwarded to the mint at Lima, Peru, I beg to say that these dies have been packed and are ready for shipment.

The American Express Company advised this Department that the transportation, excess valuation, insurance charges and consul fees in connection with this shipment to Callao, which is as far as they can take it, contained in a wooden metal-lined box 9½" long by 4½" high by 4½" deep, weighing 25 lbs., will be as follows:

Transportation charges to New York	$ 0.62
Valuation $200	.20
Transportation New York to Callao, Peru . .	10.65
Insurance	3.00
Consul fees	6.00
	$20.47

Under the rules of the American Express Company, the charges on this shipment must be prepaid or guaranteed, and are conditional on signing a release, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Inasmuch as the Mint cannot either prepay or guarantee the charges, or sign the release, because the valuation upon which the charges quoted herein are based is only the cost of making these particular dies, it would seem that this shipment should be handled by a representative of the Peruvian Government. If it is desired that a higher valuation be placed on the shipment, this Department would like to be advised what it should be.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 1, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has ready for shipment to Clifford Hewitt, National Government Central Mint, Gordon Road (North End) Chapei, Shanghai, China, four pairs of Chinese one dollar dies and six pairs of Chinese half-dollar dies, manufactured in accordance with your letter of June 18, 1931.

The American Express Company states that the transportation charges, excess valuation charge, and insurance on these dies, contained in a wooden, metal lined box, 10 inches long by four and one-half inches wide by four and one-half inches deep, weighing thirty pounds, will be as follows:

Transportation, Philadelphia to San Francisco	$ 4.04
Valuation, $100	.10
Transportation, San Francisco to Shanghai . .	10.00
Insurance	2.00
	$16.14

Under the rules of the American Express Company, the charges on this shipment must be prepaid or guaranteed, and are conditional on signing a release, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Inasmuch as the Mint cannot either prepay or guarantee the charges, or sign the release, because the valuation upon which the charges quoted herein are based is only the cost of making these particular dies, it would seem that this shipment should be handled by the representative of the Chinese Government. If it is desired that a higher valuation be placed on the shipment, this Department would like to be advised what it should be.

This shipment is only part fulfilment of the order for Chinese dies, but feeling that Mr. Hewitt desires to obtain some of the dies as soon as possible, we are making shipment of the dies that have been completed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 2, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,703,115,447
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	308,356,467
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,741,537
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,678,171,778

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of June 22nd, there is submitted herewith, on the form provided for that purpose, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau as of June 30, 1931.

Respectfully,

Dr. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended August 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 476

September 11, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of August 14, 1931, I have to advise that all moneys received by the Mint Service during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1931, arising from the sale of Government property or from any other source have been paid into the General Treasury of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 12, 1931.

Memorandum for the Chief Clerk.

The attached pamphlet is a description of a Mexican bank, which is indicated as a "robber bank", said to rob individuals of their investments.

If it is deemed necessary to have a complete translation of this document, it can be done in this Bureau after October 15th.

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September 10, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward the sample strikes of the fifty centavo Honduran coin, with the request that the same be submitted to the representative of the Government of Honduras for approval.

As this coinage is urgently needed by Honduras, this Department would appreciate receiving approval of the strikes as soon as possible, so that the Mint may complete the dies.

The Superintendent asks to be advised as to the relative position of the obverse to the reverse of the design. United States coinage dies are placed so that the head of the obverse is set against the base of the reverse, so that when the coin is turned toward one the head of the design appears at the top on either side. Should the dies be placed in the press so that the head of the obverse and the head of the reverse are opposite, the coin would, when turned from left to right, show the head at the top on either side.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 15, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of September 1st, the following is submitted:

1. Approximate number of one-page circular letters, circulars, bulletins, reports, etc., issued by this Bureau..... 2,000

2. Approximate number of questionnaires sent out each year..... 150
Percentage of replies received..... 100%

3. Approximate yearly increase of the above. 5%

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 16, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,703,651,390
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	308,314,112
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,730,812
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,678,654,641

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 476

September 14, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 12th, in reply to the letter from this Department, dated September 1st, relative to certain charges in connection with dies made at the Mint in Philadelphia for the Chinese Government, and enclosing a copy of a note of September 9, 1931, from the Chinese Legation, transmitting a check for $16.14 and a duly signed release addressed to the American Express Company.

The check, together with the release, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 16, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Upon the completion of the coinage recently executed at the Mint in Philadelphia for the Government of Panama, there remained to the credit of Panama 3.80 fine ounces of silver. If the Minister of Panama desires, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia can purchase this silver at the market rate, less the fraction of a cent, quoted for silver the day prior to purchase, in order to close this account.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 16, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward the twenty un balboa pieces, sand-blasted and specially finished, which were prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia upon the request of the Minister of Panama and in accordance with your letter of August 27, 1931.

Will you please cause the coins to be transmitted to the Minister of Panama.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 17, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit, for the approval of the Minister of Honduras, lead impressions of the obverse and reverse sides of the twenty centavo and five centavo from dies prepared for coinage for the Government of Honduras at the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

The National City Bank of New York, the agent employed by the Minister of Honduras in connection with this coinage, advises that these coins are urgently needed, and prompt approval of the enclosed lead impressions will expedite the coinage.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.